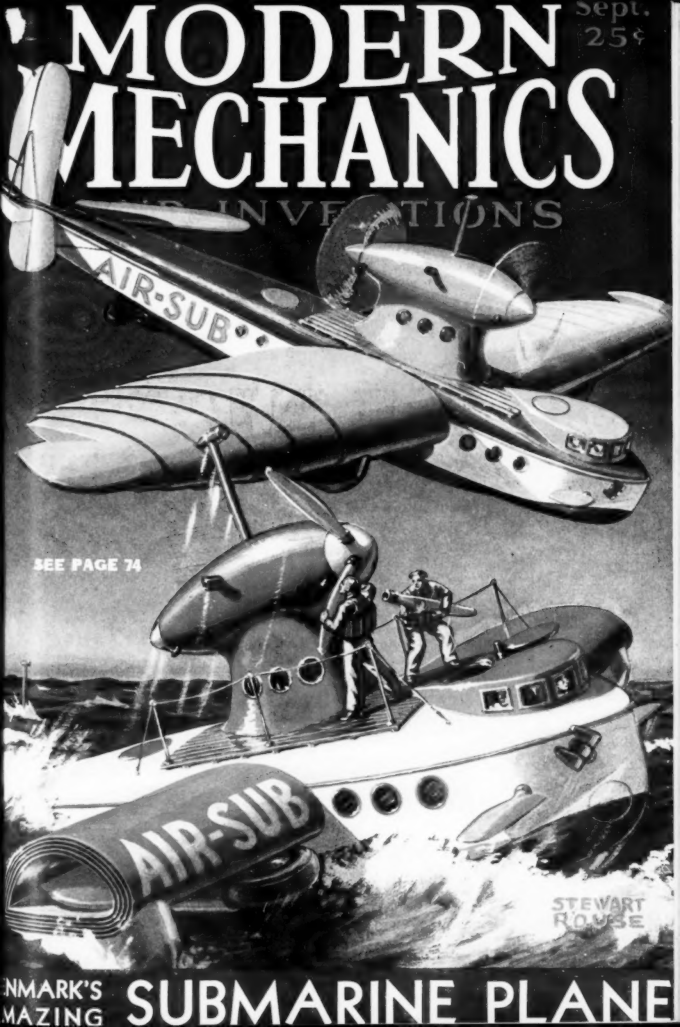
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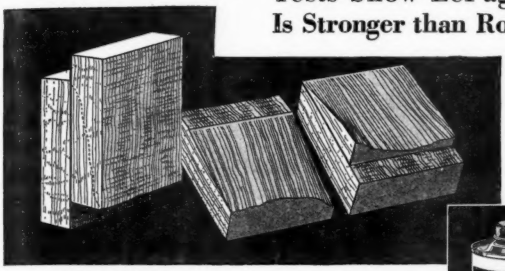

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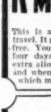

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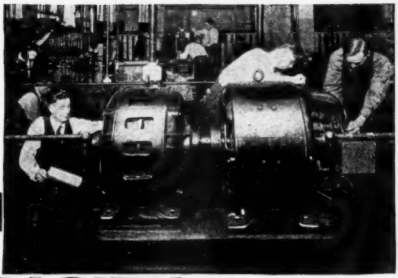

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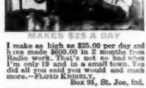

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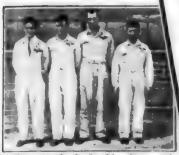

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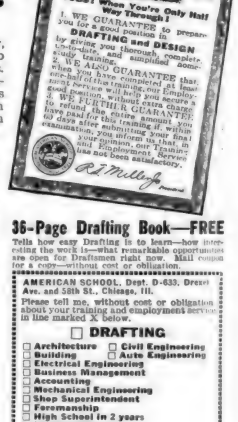

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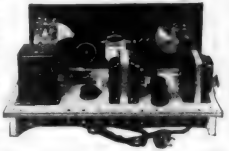

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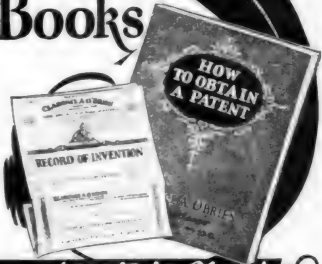

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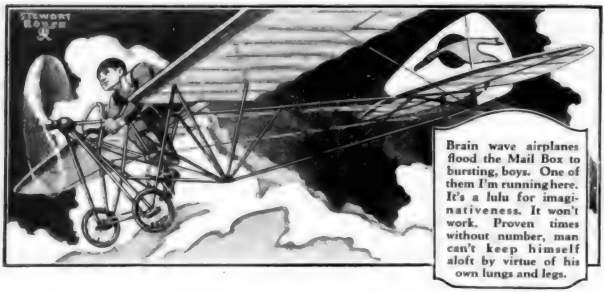

Brain wave airplanes flood the Mail Box to bursting, boys. One of them I'm running here. It's a lulu for imaginativeness. It won't work. Proven times without number, man can't keep himself aloft by virtue of his own lungs and legs.

Andy's Shop Mail Box

Barge in here, boys! This month has been hot and heavy for scandal, and from stem to stern Andy's load of lead fairly stutters with news you'll want to hear—right off the bat!

NEWS nuggets: A west coast M-M fan has flown an Anzani type Parasol with a Johnson 32 h.p. Seahorse outboard motor conversion. Sam Rabl is working on that kind of a ship for M-M now. Below is a Parasol, home-built by Robert Dumas, recent contest winner. Orthodox, it flies well. Atta boy, Bobbo!

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I win the jack-pot, Gang. Remember the straw ballots? Floods of them came in, and I thank everybody. Want to know what they showed, those votes? In order named, planes, how-to-builds, gliders, motor mechanics, stand graded as to reader's choice. After that the Amateur Electrician colyoom was popular. Then came lathe and model projects. Running neck and neck, next come home workshop stuff, chemistry articles, science and physics, model airplanes, boat building yarns. Magic was weakest of all. Guess the Association of Magickers, who try to put the soft pedal on all "secrets" of magic are going to be satisfied in the future, because I won't let the boys run any more sleight of hand bologney. You observe I have nothing up my sleeve.

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The model boat fever has bitten hundreds. In answer to requests for litrachoor on small engines, boilers, hulls, hardware and general rhubarb for the dolling up of model boats, I refer you to Spon & Chamberlain, 120 Liberty St., N.Y.C. They handle model boat books.

Robert Dumas, recent contest winner, built this ship.

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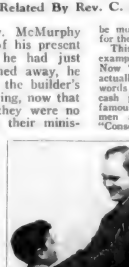
WITH a sigh of despair Rev. McMurphy thought of the hopelessness of his present situation. Would the home he had just built for his little family be snatched away, he thought? How could he ever meet the builder's notes? How could he even earn a living, now that their little car had given out and they were no longer able to travel and carry on their ministerial work. The outlook was surely despairing.



Then the darkness vanished. And it was his little boy who lifted the shadow. "Daddy," he exclaimed, "I have a surprise. I have a way out of our troubles." Excitedly he told his astonished father of an article he had read about the president of a million dollar institution in Ohio who had founded a plan to help worthy men and women out of their money troubles. Breathlessly he told that he had written this man and showed his father the reply.

Eagerly Rev. McMurphy read every word of the great deeds this remarkable man is doing for other men and women. He read of the vast business of this big institution, scattered all over America—business so wide-spread that it is possible to help local men and women to end their money troubles for just looking after this business in full or spare time. "What a generous offer for anyone to make. And how easy and simple, too. The end of my financial worries," exclaimed Rev. McMurphy.

The possibilities seemed too good to be true. But he became convinced as he read letter after letter from other men and women, some saying that they made as high as $35 and $40 in a single day. And it must be true—this man surely must be sincere. For he won't even let anyone risk one penny buying anything. He just wants you to follow his simple plan.

"Why, daddy," said the boy, "even I can do this easy work. Let me try—please. Just loan me a few dollars to pay my expenses, daddy." Encouraged by the enthusiasm of this 9-year-old child, he accepted this man's generous offer of help. But he also determined to allow this child to complete his wonderful lesson in courage and faith, so he let the boy go alone on the first trip. The result was so amazing that his father wrote as follows:

"My little boy came back in about an hour with profits of nearly $3.00. I thought: 'If this child can make that much, I can make twice that amount.' And I took up the work. I assure you I now have no fear of financial problems. The notes on the house have been burned and we have a nice car to ride around in. Last Saturday I went out after 2 o'clock, made $30.00 and returned before sunset. If all the underpaid country preachers could learn what a great opportunity awaits them with you there would be more good cheer in preaching the gospel. I thank God for the day my little boy wrote you."

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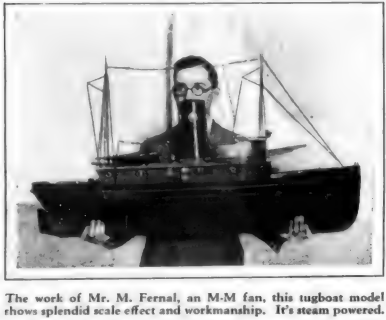

The work of Mr. M. Fernal, an M-M fan, this tugboat model shows splendid scale effect and workmanship. It's steam powered.

CHET NEDWIDEK, naval architect who designed Modish Mekaniks' canvas covered canoe, has stepped up. Chet did the drafting on the *Weetamoe*, Lipton Cup challenger, working under Clinton Crane, the old master. Incidentally *Weetamoe* looks like the contender, in finality.

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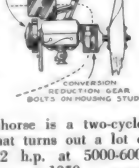
JUST got the dope on the manner in which the Johnson Seahorse was converted, and I'm passing along a general outline of the thing as I understand it. To the end of the motor base where the shaft usually hooks on, a case was made to hold an internal gear. This case holds the thrust bearing, and also the water pump which must be used, as the Seahorse is a two-cycler and is of a breed that turns out a lot of heat. Developing 32 h.p. at 5000-6000 r.p.m. it turns the prop at 1350 revs, and flies strongly.



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HI SIBLEY'S article on the model airplane that takes off under its own rubber steam and then drops a parachute is sure enough a natural. I'd vociferate and say "Says me!" if Sherm Clinger, of Kansas City, hadn't taken the pains to have a record made of his voice—the record, which I listened to personally, saying that it griped him not a little when I started to crow. In this paragraph only I'm a pansy, and for this one time, Clinger, old kid, I'll desist. You heard me.

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LATELY there has been so much mail to this old Greaae Monkey I've taken to answering the notes via the type mill, in person. Here's one that Gene just brought in from the old galvanized mail tub out at the Hangar gate. It says:

Dear Andy:

This is my first line to you but I feel that you are a very personal friend of mine as I have never missed a word you have had to say. I think M. Mech is one of the greatest mags in the country and surely the best of its kind. I have every issue since its birth. It has filled a need and the call of youth and surely a desire I have had for about 8 years, in service and dope on lightplanes.

The S. M. Box has always been interesting but since you have been slinging your greasy paw across same and expounding your dry wit, mixed with so much fact and theory it has become a different proposition. In other words it is a wow and I think all the boys like it better. It is always the first thing I read, after I glance over the plane plans for the month.

I was tickled pink with the news of the Pietenpol Camper with the Ford A motor. It is just the ship I have been waiting for. Perhaps you are in a position to give me some advance information on this little plane. I will have lots of time to work this summer that I will not have during the fall and winter months. If I was sure of the wing curve and chord I could get a good start and save lots of time. Anything you can give me will be appreciated . . .

Old top, don't work too hard and if you begin to get too warm stand in someone's prop blast until you feel like starting again.

Thanking you again, wishing you worlds of success and trusting I'll get a few lines from you soon, I am your friend, a lightplane booster, and good old M. Mech's cheer leader. Gratefully,

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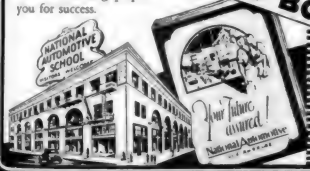

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Shop Mail Box Gossip

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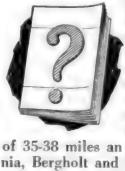
FOR that letter I thank you, Willie. Darned nice of you. By the time you see this you will no doubt have had a personal reply, too. The Ford Model A plane is easily the class of the field in light two seaters. You see, the heart of a light plane is its motor, and the Ford Model A motor simply can't be broken, no matter how hard you pound it. Hundreds of hours of milling at around 1500 revs doesn't take much out of the motor. That is equivalent to a car speed of 35-38 miles an hour. Peters of California, Bergholt and others have built Ford A ships. Largely they seem to be patterned after the first Pietenpol, built 2 years ago. The Bergholt control system is the same, anyway. I am told the latest Pietenpol is bugless, and the fifth of the breed.



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Man, oh, man! See that cut with the question mark on the cover? That represents the new Flying Manual, which will be available in October sometime if you watch your local newsstand and buy your copy before the stand is sold out. You'll know the book by its blue cover and new design with the 1931 label on it. I just got word the other day from the boys up front as to what she'll be like, and—well, I can't spill it all! Keep watchin'—I never let any of you down yet, did I?

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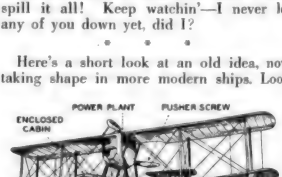
Here's a short look at an old idea, now taking shape in more modern ships. Look



VICKERS VIKING AMPHIBIAN

at the old Vickers Amphib here, many of which are going strong still in the wild wet wilds of Canady.

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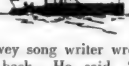

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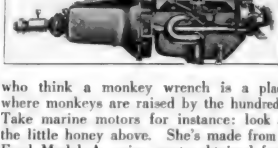

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Andy Asks a Question

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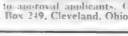

transportation sometime in the future, but in the meantime a very small percentage of the world's population are converted to them as to their own personal enjoyment and as a pastime or a sport for the whole family. I dare say there are a lot of articles that you could publish that would keep a lot of readers interested and also bring in new readers too. Boat racing is rapidly coming to the front, this offers a wide field for discussion, such as plans, ideas, etc. Of course you will say that I am taking too much liberty and that what you publish is none of my business, but I am giving you what I think is the opinion of many another reader beside myself.

Thanking you,
C. V. Haitche.

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There! That's what we are. I think, though, CeeVee, that you are right to some degree. But—Here's what I contend: interest in things mechanical overlaps from one field to another. No one can be provincial these days. What goes big in the air should be interesting to all, just as boats, motors, cars, motorcycles, and even radio—all have functions in common. Right now it's too hot to argue.

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And as I finish writing this, I run across the letter Jack Hedge, of California, sent me. He says:

Some of the fellows who are giving you a squawk about not publishing this or that are over enthused in his pet subject. I am all hot for light planes, but I find untold interest in every page of M.-M. In fact I've liked it so well from the first issue I read that I used to inquire for it at every news stand that did not have it, just to boost it. . .

Jack had one or two other things to say, and I had to answer the bulk of his epistle with me own type mill. Hosanna! There're friends, people!

This barber pole has me worried. One of the Win Your Wings contestants got up a swell chamois bound set of answers and dedicated his volume to me, using the barber pole as a motif. Wonder if I am supposed to be a clown, or a shavetail, or whether he has me pegged as a dead charlatan. Too deep for me; if I knew what it meant I wouldn't run it.

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From Gernot Heineman, M-M reader, of Bellingham, Wash., comes the shot of the outboard engined plane. It is the product of Gernot's own ingenuity. We knew somebody would try the stunt some day. Elsewhere I show the gear idea he uses. This is late news.

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Andy's Line o' Gossip

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SUBURBANITES on Lake Michigan have a novel air mail pickup. Sacked, air mail is placed between two fishpoles on an outboard hydro, and the big city mail plane swoops down, grabs the tanktown letters and sachets onward,—non stop. Swell idee.

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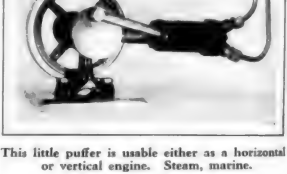
In case you wonder: the jackpot on the straw ballot which you won for me, consisted of the price of a haircut!



This little puffer is usable either as a horizontal or vertical engine. Steam, marine.

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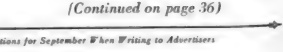
THINGS I've got to tell you: Gary Cooper reads this line o' type and likes it. I read it and don't. Johnny Lenaghan, 160 Ouimet Ave., Ville St. Laurent, Quebec, which is near Montreal, says to anyone in that vicinity to fly in for a visit to his establishment. The only thing to drink in hot weather is buttermilk, because it has no fatty content and will therefore produce no heat. Esten Moen, of Fosston, Minn., who has submitted and sold many scripts along electrical lines to the eds of this w.k. sheet, runs a column on his local paper. Claire Windsor paid this office a visit not so long ago. No, she doesn't read the shop mail box. Bet if she'd listen to me tell how I felt about her she'd be an andyfan for life.



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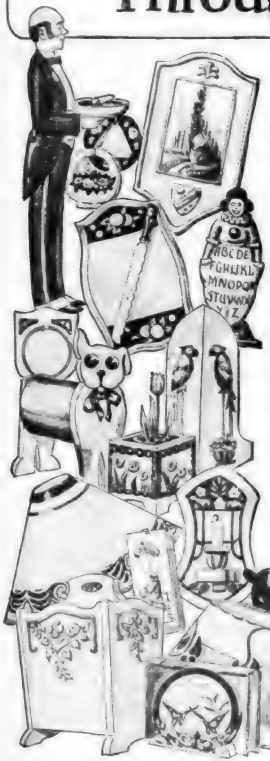

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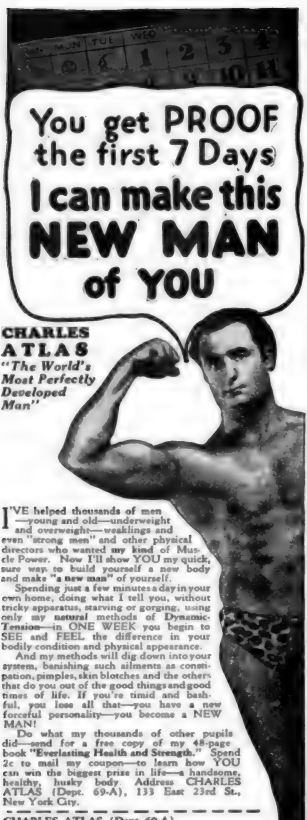

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Andy Describes Dramatic Solo

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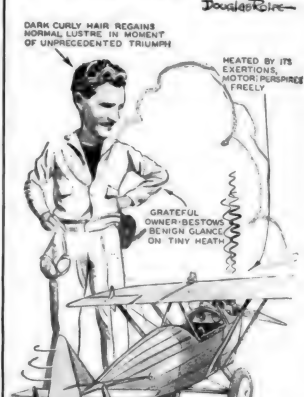
EXPERIENCES of Lightplane Pilots: Westy Farmer, who flies a Heath Parasol had been flying a Waco until he got his ship a year ago in August. The change

Douglas Rolfe



MIRACLES OF MECHANICS — EDITOR OF POPULAR PUBLICATION SOLOS FREELY IN DIMINUTIVE PLANE

from a Waco to the Heath was made with little trouble. Then one day Westy tries a little taxiing, and finds that the Parasol at half throttle is flying four feet off the ground, and that if the gun is cut he'll smash into a line of cars. He cuts the gun, kicked the rudder, and ground looped both tires off. Next time he flew it he jammed the throttle "off" so hard when he was coming in to land that the motor gasped for breath and had to quit for lack of juice. From about 100 feet he made a glide with the dead stick right up and down. Everybody on the field had a bad ten seconds, but the grass didn't bother the stick and the ship made a pretty three point.

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Nothing is beyond the scope of the movie modeler. No doubt when the 200-inch lens telescope is completed on Mt. Wilson, a movie modeler will take a squint at Mars, make some model sets, and we Earthly people will be entertained with Martian pictures.

But even at the present time, the use of models in picture production is far greater than the average person believes. Perhaps a director looks over a scenario given him to produce. The villain—curses on him—cuts the main rivets of a bridge. Toot! Toot! The train comes 'round the curve! Onto the bridge! When it reaches the middle of the structure, the massive girders are seen to twist . . . snap! The train, with locomotive belching black smoke and steam, plunges down, crashes through the ice, and disappears in the black water of the river.

Is the director fazed when he reads this? Not at all. He reaches for his telephone.

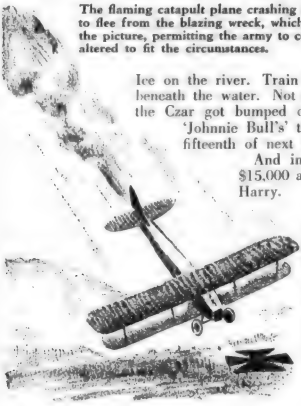
"Hello! Harry Reynolds? . . . Look, Harry. You gotta put a train through a bridge for us. Winter scene. Lots of snow.

Many plane crashes are enacted by skilled stunt pilots such as Dick Grace. Sometimes, however, it would be suicide for a pilot to attempt the stunt pictured in which a flaming plane is crashing to the ground. This plane is a full size model without motor or propeller, and is catapulted over the edge of a cliff to crack up in front of the cameras.

MOVIE Thrills

by DICK COLE

The flaming catapult plane crashing to its doom. The soldiers at the right are turning to flee from the blazing wreck, which was supposed to crack up farther to the left in the picture, permitting the army to continue forward on the march. The scenario was altered to fit the circumstances.



Ice on the river. Train breaks through and disappears completely beneath the water. Not a U. S. train. The set is in Russia before the Czar got bumped off. You know, compartment coaches like 'Johnnie Bull's' trains. . . . Yeah! . . . Yeah! By the fifteenth of next month. . . . Right, oh! See you later."

And in those few words Harry Reynolds gets a $15,000 assignment. Does he fill it? Just leave it to Harry.

Just who is this Harry Reynolds, anyway? Picture patrons never heard of him. Yet it is his masterful, ingenious touch that has thrilled millions of people. Scarcely a big, spectacular picture has been put out in recent years, to which he has not contributed his art. His name is prominent on the private telephone list of every director in Hollywood. I don't know just what handle to put on his name, but it seems that "model technician" fits him perfectly, so it is quite fitting that he should be chair-

Trigger at End of Catapult Sets Fire to Oil Soaked, Pilotless Airplane

This is the full size model plane resting on the catapult from which it was launched. Note absence of propeller and dummy motor. A trigger at the end of the catapult ignited the oil-soaked plane.

man of the technical board of the American Society of Model Engineers.

After accepting the assignment, what next? Harry has on hand a number of models of North American locomotives and coaches. But the scenario calls for a Russian train. That means research. Telegrams are shot out to various information sources, and in several days airplane mail brings him photographs, detail drawings and specifications. He even learns how far apart the Russian engineers space the telegraph poles; the style of cross-arms and insulators used; the prevalent style of bridge construction.

With all the statistical dope at hand, Harry gets busy. A stock model American type locomotive with three driving wheels on each side is re-designed to the Russian standard. Different funnel, domes, cab, cowcatcher, boiler pumps, etc. On the coach chasses, Russian compartment coach bodies are built. Also a box-like "guard's van"—in common Yankee words, a baggage car. Automatic couplers are removed and replaced with spring bumpers that look like big collar buttons.

Now for the bridge construction. First a river bed about six feet deep is dug. On the banks of the "river", the abutments of the bridge are erected. These are made of small blocks of tile to imitate the stone. Even these blocks of tile, as well as every piece and every dimension that enters into the model set, is held fixedly to a scale of one inch equals one foot. So, the model bridge shown in several photographs, which is actually 20 feet long, between abutments, and 4½ feet above the water, is representative of a bridge 240 feet long and 54 feet high. When every object that makes comparison possible is removed, the diminutiveness of the bridge can not be detected.

One would probably guess, to look at the construction, that the bridge was made of sheet metal stampings. Not so. The girders are cast. Not of iron, or brass, or even of aluminum. But of a low fusing alloy of tin, bismuth and cadmium—practically the same alloy as is used on automatic sprinklers in buildings. This low fusing alloy permits plaster of paris to be used for the mold. Rather than making the usual pattern, as does a founder, the mold is "scratched" out with tools not unlike an engraver's tools. A little indenture with a prick-punch in the mold shows up as a rivet-head on the casting.

With all the mechanical fixtures complete, the next job is to doll up the physical surroundings. The river bank is formed to look natural, and the man-made river bed

This seemingly terrific explosion is the result of a lone stick of dynamite going off under several hundred pounds of finely powdered lampblack. Visually it was a tremendous explosion; actually, rather a mild one.

is filled with water to the desired level. Ice? How is it formed? Don't laugh, reader. The ice is melted paraffin poured on the water, where it hardens into a nice crust that exactly imitates real ice. Snow? Fine, sifted, bleached salt and talc. A big blower creates a gale of wind across the set. The "snow" is sifted into the "wind," and settles down on the set in a natural manner—drifts and bleak, bare spots.

Everything is ready for the camera man. Steam is got up in the locomotive — of course, it is an honest-to-goodness steam engine—and, at a signal, the train starts on its road to doom. Round the curve it comes; drivers lashing, funnel belching black smoke, steam hissing around the piston rods. Toot! Toot! The whistle blows for the approach to the bridge. Onto the bridge! A close-up shot shows the middle girder twisting! It parts! The bridge collapses! The train plunges down! Great cakes of ice literally stand on end as the locomotive crashes through. A cloud of steam arises. The coaches follow the engine into the black water. And a celluloid record is made.

Not a little credit for the realistic effect is due to the camera man. As long as the movement of the train is horizontal, the picture can be shot at normal rate, about sixteen frames a second. The ratio of the movement of the train is the same as the scale—12 to 1. But when the train falls, the ratio is all upset. The force of gravity will not obligingly accommodate itself to the scale. Obviously, a bridge 54 feet high would take a few seconds in falling. But the model would fall 4½ feet in a fraction of a second. So the vertical movement is shot with a high speed camera, which reproduces the slow motion pictures—the kind where the steeple-chaser seems to float over the stone wall. This contributes the realistic effect to the falling. The change from the normal movement to the retarded movement can not be made abruptly without detection. So a close-up shot of the twisting girder is interposed between. The girder

Train Crashing Thru Bridge Thrills Movie Fans—Here's How It's Done

Model train approaching a bridge through which it is to crash. The locomotive runs on real steam, but an electric motor is hidden in the car indicated by arrow to make sure that all the cars will go over.

Close-up of the model train, with Harry Reynolds, Hollywood's most famous model engineer, at the extreme left, pointing out features of his remarkably accurate locomotive model to several assistants.

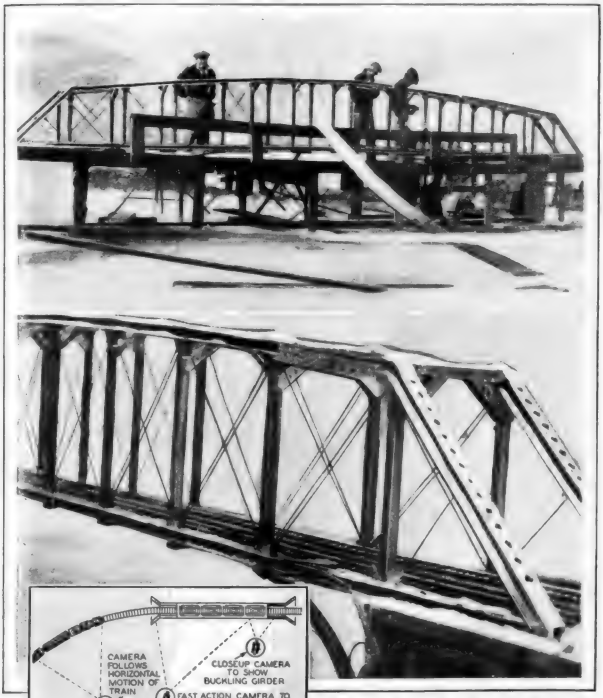
that breaks is of soft lead of predetermined strength. The moment it parts, the high speed camera takes up the action of the falling structure.

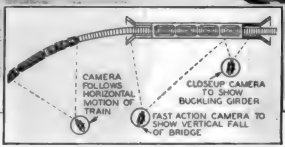
In the months that follow, millions of picture fans gasp in awe as they witness the appalling catastrophe. If every added heartbeat that Harry Reynolds' art has produced were a foot of string, it would make a loop around Mars and a half-hitch around the moon.

The model set described in the foregoing is from the picture: "The Last Command." Perhaps the enterprizing press-agents conveyed the idea that a real train was used—that oodles of money was spent creating the spectacular wreck. Well, a real—model—train was used; plenty of kale was spent; and press-agents have a special writers' license, anyway.

Other pictures to which Harry Reynolds has contributed his remarkable art are: "Old Ironsides," "Behind The Front," "Wings," "Hell's Angels," and many other pictures in the making, but not yet released.

The "huge" army tank shown in "Behind



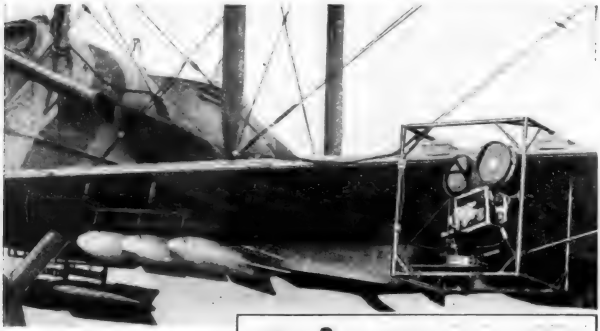


How cameras were arranged to picture train wreck.

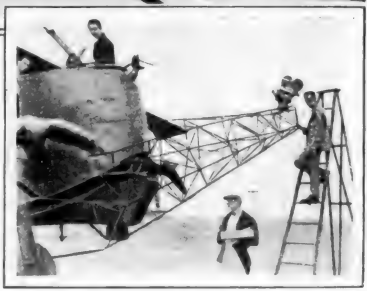
These two photos give some idea of the accuracy required in building models for movie use. The photo above is so realistic one would hardly suspect it to be a model!

The Front" was a masterpiece of modeling ingenuity. No doubt many readers are surprised to learn that the battlefield they saw in that picture was a miniature, and the tank, a model.

But such a model! Mr. Reynolds held a high commission rank during the war, and was associated with the engineering forces —mostly with the experimental department —and possesses a wealth of knowledge of mechanical devices of which we ordinary people have only an inkling—non-recoil guns, aerial bombs, remote control of torpedoes, and, of course, super-tanks. So it is little wonder that he created a tank and battle-field that held the spectators breath-



How a camera is mounted on the under wing of a plane to follow the progress of bombs dropped from the rack. Set in action from the plane's cockpit, the camera shows the bomb dropping until it strikes the ground.



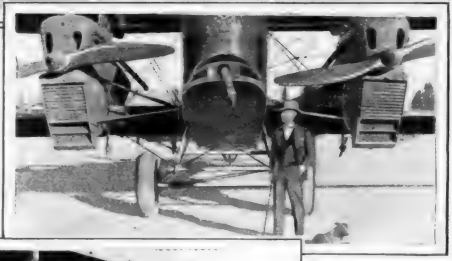
To show what was happening in the gunner's cockpit of this German Gotha, the camera had to be anchored to this metal mount far out in front.

less. The tank was operated with an electric motor, supplied by an invisible, trailing cable. Conspicuous ingenuity was shown in the firing of the guns. Contained within the tank was a steel cylinder of highly compressed air. Cams, actuated by the movement of the tank, intermittently opened valves at the breech of the guns. Little vibrating hoopers within the tank contained a mixture of aluminum powder and talc. This powder was sprinkled at the breech of the guns, and was blown out the muzzle by the blast of compressed air. This method permitted the firing of hundred of "shots." And the highlights from the aluminum powder had a better photographic value than an actual burst of flame from a real gun.

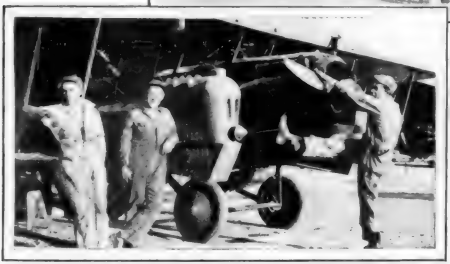
Motion picture models are not always diminutive. In "Hell's Angels," the huge, spectacular picture on current release, which far out-classes all of its fore-runners in the bigness of its conception and presentation, a giant bombing plane, representative of a German Gotha, plays a salient role. Ingenious camera mounts, attached to various points of this huge plane, record an aerial battle which is breath-taking in its realism.

Ultimately the bomber is shot down in flames. Obviously the massive bombing plane, not designed for stunt maneuvering, could not be handled to give a realistic falling effect. So Harry Reynolds was called upon to convert a single-motored biplane into an exact replica of the German Gotha. Several photographs show how cleverly this was done. The smaller, easily maneuvered plane, carrying a smoke bomb, and handled by a skillful stunt pilot, falls from out the sky in a series of tail-spins and slips. Since

These pictures show an interesting use of models so large that they hardly seem to deserve that description. The German Gotha, shown above, is a genuine bomber which figures prominently in the great air spectacle, "Hell's Angels." When the plane was ultimately shot down, a smaller model was used.



Front view of the Gotha, interesting for comparing with the model at the left. Note the twin motors and machine gun projecting from the nose of the gunner's cockpit in the center.



This is the model of the Gotha used for the scene in which the bomber falls to its doom. It is a standard biplane equipped with dummy motors and single propeller in the center.

there are no objects near for comparison, the transposition of the planes can not be detected.

Have you ever wondered how close-up shots of an aeroplane in flight are taken? Perhaps a close-up underneath the wings showing the release of an aerial torpedo? Or a close-up in front of the propellers showing machine guns in action? Several photographs reveal the secret. Automatic cameras are mounted on a skeleton framework of duralumin, and can be started and stopped at the will of the operator in cockpit.

Mr. Reynolds frequently co-operates with that dare-devil, Dick Grace, the famous "crack-'em-up" technician, who wrote that interesting article of his experiences for MODERN MECHANICS several months ago. In fact, it's a common expression in Hollywood, that "Harry makes 'em, Dick breaks

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Daredevil Goes Over Niagara Falls in Special Steel Barrel

Above is shown Red Hill with the steel barrel which he used in negotiating the treacherous Niagara rapids and in shooting over the falls.

VERY few people go over Niagara Falls and live to remember it. Most of those who went over the edge for a supreme thrill, went simultaneously to oblivion. When Red Hill, Canadian daredevil, went over in his specially constructed steel tank, however, he made history, instead of a mess.

Previous to his latest exploit he succeeded in navigating the treacherous upper and lower rapids of the falls. When he negotiated these perilous trips he was strapped into his tank, as shown in the drawing at the right.

The padding and bracing of the tank are so arranged as to protect him from any severe jolts. A heavy belt around the waist, supported by elastic bands, takes up the heaviest part of the shock, while hand and foot braces absorb the remaining jar.

Hill was strapped in the tank and braced during his trip as shown above.

Hill fell the height of Niagara Falls, 196 feet, in his steel barrel and lived to tell about it.

Sun Forecasts Hurricanes

IN THE future it may be possible to forecast hurricanes by recording the intensity of sunlight, is the belief of an eminent meteorologist of Washington, D. C. Sunlight decreases in intensity before a hurricane is about to strike, it was found in observing the nature of the weather.

Speed King Gives Life to Capture Motor Boat Record

Above: The Miss England II speeding over the surface of Lake Windemere at better than 100 miles an hour a few seconds before the fatal crash which killed Segrave.

The record-breaking hydroplane as she appeared after being raised to the surface. The jagged hole in the forward plane was caused by a log.

Major Segrave is shown adjusting his specially designed safety belt which failed to save his life.

SIR HENRY SEGRAVE, holder of the world's auto speed record, acquired the world's motorboat speed record recently at Lake Windemere, England, but he died doing it. After running the speed of his hydroplane, *Miss England II*, up to slightly over 101 miles per hour, he struck a submerged obstruction and was killed by the terrific impact when his body was thrown out into the water.

The great speed attained by the boat gave an enormous impetus to the bodies as they were thrown out of the speeding boat. In spite of his steel safety jacket, Segrave had a number of ribs broken and his lungs punctured, so that he died five hours later in the hospital. One of his mechanics was drowned and the other was severely injured.

Miss England II was powered by two 2000 H.P. Rolls Royce engines geared to a single propeller turning over 12,000 R.P.M.

How I Broke the World's

Lieut. Soucek's Wright Apache plane starting its record climb over Washington.

MORE than 8 miles above the earth's surface, in a region of terrific cold, where life itself depends on "canned air," airtight clothing and electrically heated goggles, I fought, on the afternoon of June 4, 1930, a successful battle of two hours and five minutes against nature to gain for the Navy and the United States a new world's altitude record.

For purely sentimental reasons, my latest climb of 43,166 feet, which broke the world's record for all kinds of planes, previously held by Willi Neuenhofen, of Germany, who flew 41,794 feet on May 25, 1929, was made on the exact anniversary of my flight of June 4, 1929, when I was fortunate enough to establish a new world's record for seaplanes of 38,560 feet.

My seaplane record was made in a single seater Wright Apache plane, the very same ship that I used in my new world's record flight, except

Lieutenant Soucek receiving congratulations of Rear Admiral Moffan. Middle photo shows Soucek in cockpit at start of flight.

Altitude Record

by Lieut. Apollo Soucek U. S. N.

On June 4, 1930, Lieut. Soucek flew a Navy plane to a height of more than eight miles to establish a new altitude record. Here he tells his story of his thrilling ascent to the roof of the world.

that in the former case it was equipped with pontoons instead of wheels. Moreover, I also used this plane on May 8, 1929 when I established a world's record for all types of planes by reaching an official altitude of 39,140 feet, the mark which Neuenhofen broke only 17 days later.

Certainly the afternoon of June 4 seemed almost ideal for my climb. True, the temperature near the ground was well over 90 degrees, and the air a few hundred feet off the ground appeared somewhat hazy, but these factors were not important enough, as I found later, to interfere with flying conditions at great altitudes.

Just a few words about the equipment I used and we're off! I wore, as usual, a fur-lined leather suit, but nary a stitch of underclothes, the fur being next to my skin. Commander Frederick Ceres, flight surgeon at the Naval Air Station at Anacostia, D. C., figured this one out from the clothes of the Eskimos.

Of course, I also wore a heavy helmet, a pair of heavy, wool-lined boots, and a pair of electrically heated goggles especially devised by my brother, Zeus, recently resigned from the Navy. But probably the most interesting contraption of all was the so-called "artificial lung" which I developed, with the aid of some loyal co-workers, to aid me in getting the right amount of oxygen at high altitudes. By long experience I had learned that at 40,000 feet or higher the pressure of the air is much less than the pressure in the pilot's lungs, with the result that when the oxygen from the ordinary type of oxygen feeding device flows into his mouth, his lung pressure tends to force it right out again. So not long ago I extended the breath outlet tube a couple of feet and then sewed the bottom onto my control stick. The point is to build up a pressure in this tube equal to

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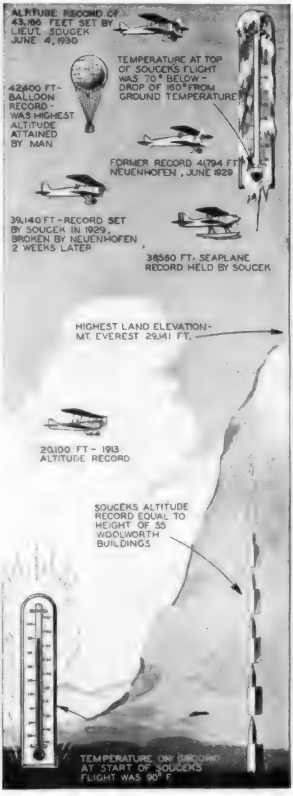
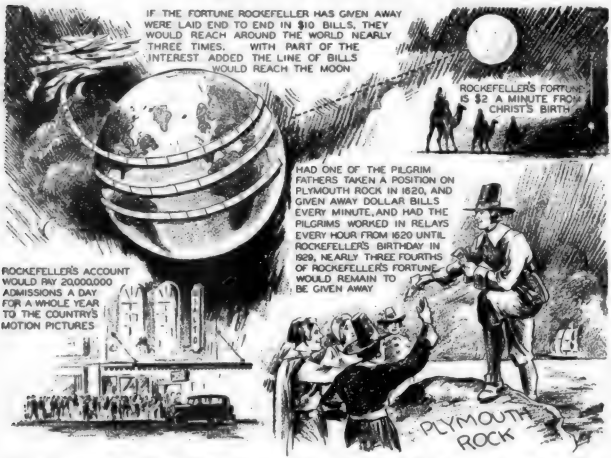


High spots in Lieut. Soucek's great record in altitude flying are pictured in this diagram. He now holds both the land and seaplane records.

Statistics Made Graphic: A Picture of John D's Wealth



Can you visualize a million dollars? Do you realize that $10,000 is but one per cent of a million? And the glib talk of billions one hears these days! Here is a picture of a billionaire's fortune, showing some of the strange mental yardsticks which are needed to enable us to visualize the enormity of Rockefeller's fortune.

ONE winter night, two eminent financiers made their way homeward along Fifth Avenue, New York City.

C. W. Barron, beloved financial publisher, was one of the men. John Davisson Rockefeller was the other.

As they passed a dim lit, pretentious mansion, John D. inquired of Mr. Barron as to who might be the owner of the huge place.

"That," said Barron, "is the home of Senator Clark, the Anaconda Copper king. The place cost $5,000,000. There is a stairway in the house that is said to have been especially built of marble brought from Italy. It cost $150,000!"

Mr. Rockefeller whistled.

"Where do all of the people get all the money?" he asked.

Which question, asked by the wealthiest man in the world, sounds a bit unusual. As is well known, Mr. Rockefeller owns a fortune staggering to the imagination. Strange mental yardsticks are needed to comprehend the enormity of the wealth Mr. Rockefeller owns.

For instance, if he were only a billionaire, instead of a bi-billionaire, his income would be so great that after giving away, on fifteen street corners, a dollar bill every thirty seconds for ten hours a day, every day of the year, he would find himself with more money than he started with.

His interest income alone exceeds the yearly earnings of 15,000,000 American laborers.

Had $500 a day been credited Adam in the Garden of Eden every day for these 6,000 years, Adam's bank account would today be less than Rockefeller's.

It is equivalent to an income of $2 a minute from the birth of Christ. He has given away $600,000,000.

Rockefeller could send 20,000,000 people, paying their admissions, to the theater every day for a year.

Science's Greatest Adventure

Scientist, adventurer, leader of men, Commander Richard E. Byrd stands as a symbol of the new age of science. He flew over the North Pole and across the Atlantic, but these were only preparations for the great adventure—the Byrd South Polar Expedition. Modern Mechanics is proud to present an intimate pictorial record of the hardships, the routine, and the final glorious triumph of Science's Greatest Adventure. The photos which appear in these pages, telling the story of the expedition, Modern Mechanics is pleased to dedicate to Commander Richard E. Byrd.

Modern Mechanics Presents a Picture

This superb panorama is typical of the majestic landscape of the Antarctic. It is easy to envision the strange charm of this bleak country—the lofty crags of snow and ice, the silhouetted dog team and driver going out into the mystery of this land whose secrets have been locked in ice for ages.

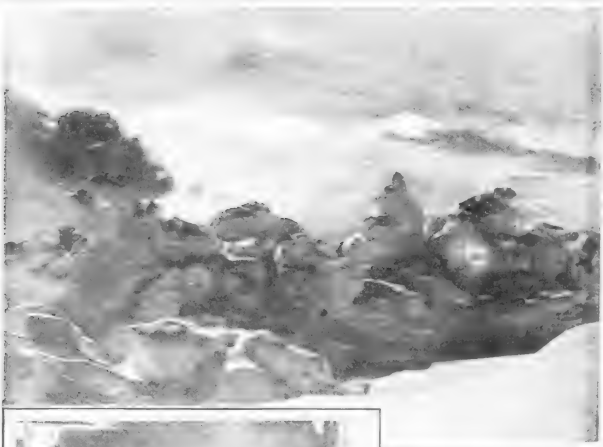
To Richard E. Byrd and his hardy companions of the South Pole Expedition, this section of Modern Mechanics is dedicated. The photos reproduced herewith tell a graphic story of the South Polar Adventure.

WITH the return of Commander Richard E. Byrd and his crew of 80 men from the Antarctic, one of the most dramatic chapters in all history is brought to a close. That the Expedition, which for 20 months ferreted out the ice-locked secrets of the South Polar lands with airplanes, dog teams, and all the instruments of modern science, was an adventure which in its various phases of hardship and discovery ranks with the achievements of Magellan, Columbus, Hudson, and other great explorers, no one will seriously deny.

Yet therein lies the danger that the drama of it all may have overshadowed the solid scientific basis on which much of the Expedition's fame will rest. For Dick Byrd is always the scientist as well as the adventurer.

Well, you ask, just what did Byrd achieve that made the expenditure of a million dollars justifiable? If such justification were necessary—which no scientist, and certainly no adventurer, will admit—it can be pointed out that:

Byrd has claimed in the name of the United States 125,000 square miles of land which he discovered. There is every possibility that there are enormous coal deposits in this land, for the Antarctic was once tropical in climate, as proved by carboniferous deposits secured by Dr. L. M. Gould, geologist of the party, from a 5000-foot mountain top.



Towering ice crags take on flashing colors from the Antarctic sun, making scenes like this weirdly impressive in their beauty.

Commander Byrd relaxed in his office after a hard day's work. The typewriter was used to record scientific data collected.

Three mountain ranges which had never been seen before were mapped and many details added, all through the use of aerial photography. Carmen Land, reported by the Norwegian explorer Amundsen, was proved to be illusory. The Rockefeller mountain range was found to be among the oldest mountains in the world. The expedition discovered the range.

Biologically, many interesting examples of Antarctic vegetable life were brought back for study. Of course, such vegetables were of an exceedingly primitive type. In oceanography numerous soundings charted the bottom of the Polar

Numerous camping expeditions, away from the base at Little America, were made more tolerable by hot drinks to counteract temperatures which sometimes dropped as low as 70 below. At the right the wireless operator of the expedition is tuning in with the world on the short-wave set which kept the explorers in touch with civilization.

seas for the first time. In taking these soundings a special instrument known as the sonic depth meter was used. In principle, it consists of a device which records the time necessary for sound waves to travel to the bottom of the sea and back again, knowing which it is a simple matter to chart the depth.

Ice is superimposed on land to a depth of 1500 feet, it was discovered. The volume of water locked in this immense ice cap is almost inconceivable. It has been estimated that if the Antarctic ice should suddenly melt, the released waters would add an additional two feet

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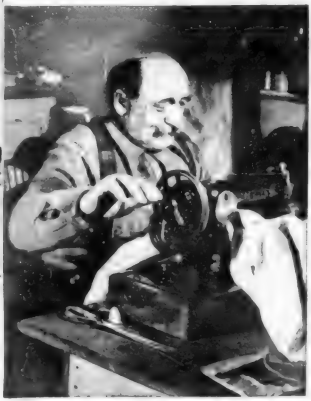
Dog-teams are the universal source of power in polar lands. Here a double team is drawing a heavy boat across the ice, doing their share in writing geographic history.

Sea lions are one of the few forms of life to be found on the borders of the Antarctic continent. Two explorers had a lot of fun weighing this baby sea lion in an improvised scales. And incidentally, more data on sea lions was thereby collected for scientists.

A penguin making friends with two huskies gives evidence of the amiable disposition of his breed. The penguin is a water bird, web-footed, and its rudimentary wings are useless for flying purposes.

Starting out on an exploratory tour, this small dog-sledge army pauses for a picture before leaving Little America. The rigging at the left is that of the ship "City of New York."

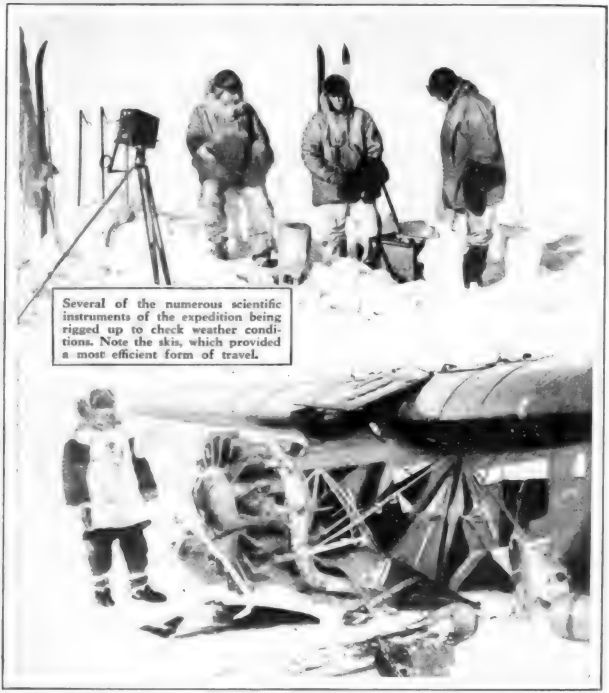
Closeup of a whale coming up for a breath of air. Note the photographer in background. This photo is unique, in that whales normally float full-length on the surface. Owing to the thick ice fields, however, which left only small stretches of open water between them, this whale and his comrades were literally forced to stand on their tails and poke their noses up through the water. The whale is a mammal and breathes through lungs rather than gills. The pit-like depression which can be observed in the forehead is a nostril.



The sailmaker's sewing machine added a domestic touch to the Little America camp, repairing clothing.

The "City of New York" apparently icebound, but in reality anchored off the edge of an ice shelf. The dog teams, several of which can be seen, are helping to reload the ship for the journey home. The loneliness and vastness of the land which the expedition met and conquered is captured in this photograph, in which the limitless ice field stretches off into the distance to merge with the sky.

The "Floyd Bennett," airplane in which Byrd and three companions flew over the South Pole, is shown being tuned up in readiness for the history-making flight. Note pile of empty oil and gas tins.



Several of the numerous scientific instruments of the expedition being rigged up to check weather conditions. Note the skis, which provided a most efficient form of travel.

This wreckage of one of the expedition planes occurred when, after landing some 500 miles from Little America, a blizzard blew up suddenly and sent the plane careening across the ice. The flyers lived on curtailed rations until a dramatic rescue was effected seven days later by Commander Byrd.

of depth to all the oceans of the world.

Meteorological observations made will prove especially important, in the opinion of Commander Byrd, who has pointed out that more bad weather develops from the glacial planes of the Antarctic than from the Arctic Circle. Strategically located stations, therefore, would be able to predict weather conditions for Europe and America by observations taken at the birthplace of storms.

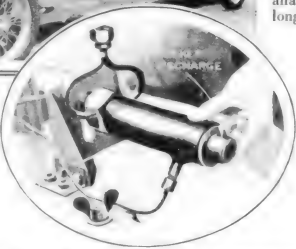
A notable fact about the expedition, and one which tells in itself a complete story of the thoroughness of Commander Byrd in equipping his expedition for all possible contingencies, is that every man in the expedition returned home in better health than when he left.

Rest hour after the day is done, in the snug comfort of the weather-proof camp building. Not all the work was done outdoors, for there was much compiling of scientific data.

All the comforts of home, even to a piano, were included in the equipment. This photo was snapped just after the men's baggage had been transferred from the ship to the camp.

Farewell to Little America! A solemn moment as the flag which had flown for nearly two years was lowered preparatory to breaking up camp for the long trip back home. This flag was the symbol of America's claim to 125,000 square miles of land discovered by Byrd, never before seen by man.

Liquid Air Provides Motive Power for Rocket Automobile



Above is shown Max Valier's rocket car being fueled from the large liquid air tank. At the right is shown the astonishingly small and simple rocket motor used with this type of fuel.

LIQUID air, the coldest substance known to man, was used as fuel for Max Valier's rocket experiments in Germany, and although the inventor was recently killed by the explosion of one of the fuel tanks, experts have proclaimed this device as the solution of the problem of rocket propulsion, as complete control of speed is permitted by the driver.

The motor itself is a tiny affair, being only fifteen inches long, and weighing ten pounds.

No Cold Lost Here

A RECENT patent has been granted on a device which stops refrigeration on electric refrigerators whenever the door is opened.

The importance of this patent, in reducing cost of operation as well as in protecting life, is seen at once. It eliminates expense where the door is left unintentionally ajar or where the apartment is left temporarily vacant. By stopping operation when the door is open it also prevents the escape of poisonous fumes, should the refrigerator contain a leaky unit.

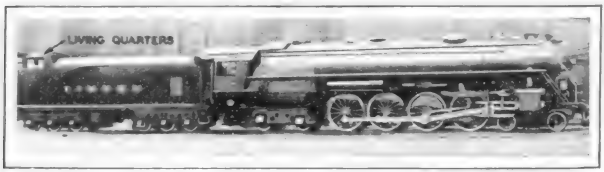
Making Your Own Belt Dressing

MELT together two parts tallow and one part neatsfoot oil to make a good belt dressing. Apply once a month with a brush.

First Roller Bearing Locomotive Has Small Living Quarters on Tender

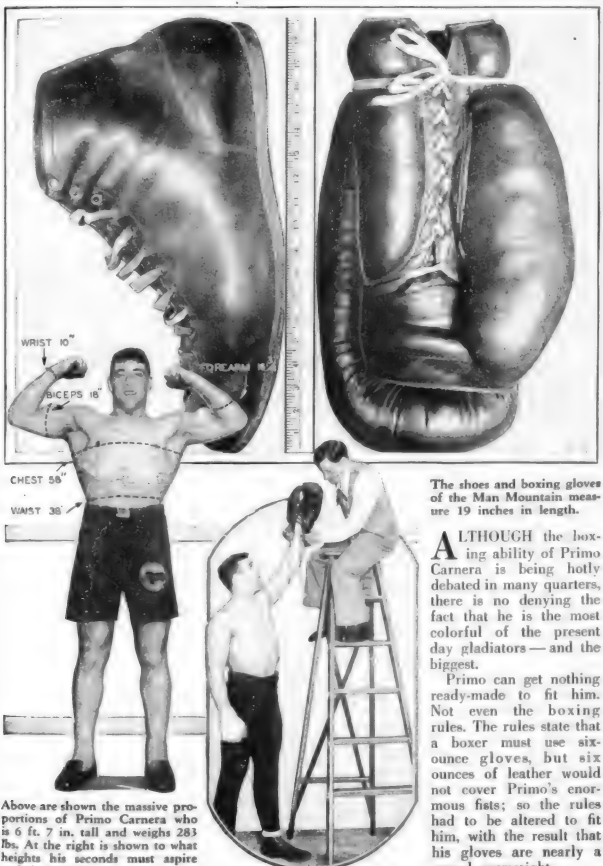
THIS experimental locomotive, which is now being tested by the New York Central Railroad, is the first to be equipped throughout with roller bearings. On the rear of the tender is a small room with windows and containing a bed, electric fan and lights, steam heat, a small desk and other comforts.

The roller bearings are expected to give longer life to the intricate mechanism of locomotives which cost about $150,000 to build.



Both drive and pony wheels on this experimental locomotive are equipped with roller bearing journals.

Not Even The Rules Fit Carnera



Above are shown the massive proportions of Primo Carnera who is 6 ft. 7 in. tall and weighs 283 lbs. At the right is shown to what heights his seconds must aspire to help him dress.

The shoes and boxing gloves of the Man Mountain measure 19 inches in length.

ALTHOUGH the boxing ability of Primo Carnera is being hotly debated in many quarters, there is no denying the fact that he is the most colorful of the present day gladiators — and the biggest.

Primo can get nothing ready-made to fit him. Not even the boxing rules. The rules state that a boxer must use six-ounce gloves, but six ounces of leather would not cover Primo's enormous fists; so the rules had to be altered to fit him, with the result that his gloves are nearly a pound overweight.

Defying DEATH in a

Scotty demonstrates the approved way of leaping from the trailing edge of a plane wing, diving toward the tail as the plane flies at 80 m. p. h.

Credited with 275 official parachute jumps, W. F. Scott, familiarly known as "Scotty," holder of the Navy record jump of 15,200 feet, tells here of some particularly close calls in which he brushed elbows with the Grim Reaper. Scotty is jumping again now after a two months' enforced vacation caused by an automobile accident, after which his life was despaired of — ironic testimony to the relative safety of air and land travel!

FOR sheer thrills none of my experiences during ten years of parachute jumping can compare with those of the summer and fall of 1928. On July Fourth I made a successful jump on Lake Keuka, near Hammondsport, N. Y., but the wind caught my 'chute and entangled the harness so that I was dragged through the water with my head partially submerged, for two miles. On August 15 I dropped on a Washington apartment house in the heart of the city after encountering six different cross winds, was barely able to catch the ledge of the building top, couldn't quite reach the fire escape just below, and had to hang suspended for several minutes before three policemen came to the rescue. Only five

Here Scotty is awaiting rescue while hanging suspended from the roof of an apartment building after a thrilling drop. 'Chute is caught on ledge.

PARACHUTE

by **W. F. SCOTT**
Champion Parachute Jumper of the Navy

The most thrilling moment of a parachute drop—the instant before the big parasol opens. The pilot 'chute can be seen pulling the silk from its pack a moment after the rip cord was pulled.

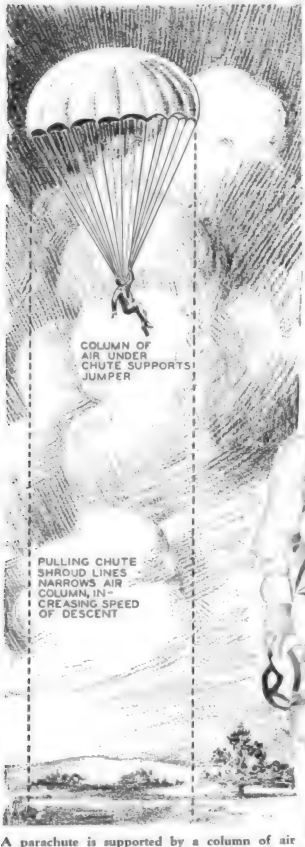
days later I landed full tilt on a group of high tension wires of 35,000 voltage, on the edge of Bolling Field, Washington.

That July Fourth experience was a terrific battle with death. Never will I forget it, for only by a miracle am I now alive to describe it. My purpose in going to Hammondsport was not only to make an exhibition jump but to make an official test of a new type of rubber suit designed to save the lives of aviators who are forced to resort to their 'chute over a body of water.

Now, I'm barely five feet tall, yet this suit was made for a man who measures five feet eight. However, I was sealed in the contraption, which was all in one piece, including the stockings. Sealed in is right. The front of the suit was laced up with heavy thumbscrews against rubber gaskets. Rubber bands were placed around my wrists and adhesive tape bound around my neck mighty tight. So tight, in fact, that when I jumped I thought I was going to choke when the wind struck me full force.

The plane was an O-L-8, a new amphibian. With Lieut. Harvey Bowes at the controls we sailed out, 9 miles from Ithaca, into the center of beautiful Lake Keuka, which is 5 miles wide, 22 miles long and at least a couple of miles at its deepest point. The jump from 4,000 feet was satisfactory enough, but when the 'chute snapped open, about 1200 feet below my leap, an enormous hole ripped open along the back of the rubber suit, due, no doubt, to the shock of the wind against the heavy harness around my body.

However, everything else seemed to be all right until I hit the water. Always, of course, a jumper aims to disengage the parachute from his body as soon as he lands. This I attempted to do, but I was so



A parachute is supported by a column of air directly beneath it. By pulling the shroud lines, the jumper decreases the width of the column and consequently speeds up the rate of descent; at the same time the parachute moves sidewise in the direction the lines are pulled. Scotty is shown in inset.

badly entangled that I failed. Meanwhile the wind and water were waging a fierce struggle for supremacy over what was to be my fate, the water pouring into the gaping hole in the rubber suit, thereby tending to pull me beneath the surface, and the wind spasmodically catching hold of the 'chute and forcing it along the water at a fast rate of speed.

Bear in mind also that the rubber suit itself weighed about 20 pounds dry, with five additional pounds of lead in the sole of each shoe, presumably for the purpose of maintaining my body in an upright position at all times while in the water.

Pretty soon the suit acted just like a giant bucket of water attached to my person, dragging my head beneath the surface every now and again. And now a sudden gust of wind caught the 'chute, just as Captain H. C. Richardson, in charge of the test, noticed my plight and headed for me in his speed boat from a point perhaps 200 yards away. Whereupon for over two miles I was in a helpless, and apparently hopeless, situation. Inextricably entangled in the harness, which was still strapped to my body, I was hurtled, at dizzy speed, through the water, occasionally rolling over the surface, but more often with my nose exposed to a six-inch covering of water.

For perhaps half of that terrible ride I was fully conscious, able to observe almost everything that was going on, but utterly unable to help myself. Then all went blank. However, Captain Richardson told me afterwards that my face had been completely submerged for six minutes before he and his assistants were able to drag me out. Even then my face had turned blue in color. But quickly they took me

"First time" jumpers usually prefer the pull-off method of leaping, as shown above, in which the jumper pulls the rip cord while standing on the end of the wing, and is pulled off when 'chute opens.

to the nearest dock, offered first aid for almost an hour, shot a stomach pump into me and let me lie down for a spell. Only Captain Richardson's rare presence of mind and speed of action saved my life, combined with the fact that the rescue party was able to locate me, thanks to the fact that the parachute and harness were able to float on the surface, thereby rendering them visible to the rescue party for hundreds of yards.

A good idea of the buoyancy of a parachute is given in this picture, in which a man has crawled over the top of a big 'chute.

My experience of August 20, 1923, was easily the second most thrilling of a lifetime. A big movie company that makes news reels wanted to take some pictures of myself and three other Navy men jumping simultaneously from a plane over Bolling Field, Washington. The film was to be called the "race to earth," but it might well have been termed "the race with death." I won the pictorial race handily enough, but almost lost my life during the venture.

From a 1500 foot elevation we all jumped from a Navy Ford transport. Once my 'chute was open and I was speeding towards the earth, I took careful note of a spot on the field where I wanted to land, but a strong wind blew up suddenly and upset my plans. Imagine my horror to realize, when only a couple hundred feet from the ground, that I was likely to drop full tilt on a group of high tension wires of 35,000 voltage, near the roof of a hangar!

Unfortunately, however, it was too late for me to accomplish much towards guiding the 'chute, so within a few seconds I found myself suspended on one of those dangerous wires like a canary on a perch. True enough, the wires were barely six feet from the ground, but since I measure only five

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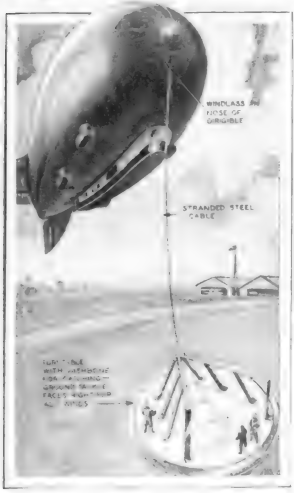
Huge "Wishbone" Anchor Simplifies Landing of Dirigible



The dirigible cuts the motors, lowers the ground cable and drifts back until the cable catches.

Dandelions Hoard Food Supply

LIKE nearly all living plants, dandelions get their chief food supply from their own leaves, which supply is stopped when the green leaves are cut off.

The roots of the dandelion plant, some of which are usually left in the ground whenever the visible parts of the plant are dug out by the gardener, contain food materials for just such emergencies. So soon as the leaves are cut off the surviving roots draw on this reserve food supply and send up new leaves.

It is for this reason that dandelions reappear in the lawn a short time after having been dug out. The only way to eventually rid the turf of this weed is to go over the lawn repeatedly, digging out the new plants before the leaves have had a fair chance to begin the process of renewing the food supply in the roots.

ONE of the principal drawbacks to the extensive use of lighter-than-air craft has been the necessity for maintaining an excessively large ground crew for handling the ship upon landing. While mooring masts have proved quite successful they have also proved to be quite expensive, while a large ground crew is still required.

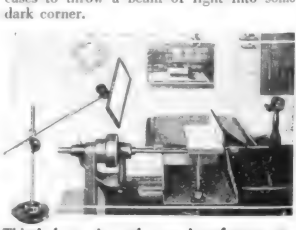
The "wishbone" anchor shown on the left is designed to simplify these matters, as with it, one or two men on the ground will be able to secure the dirigible.

The device consists of a turntable which may be rotated by one man, or which may be automatically pointed into the wind by being hooked up electrically with a wind vane. A steel "V", with the point facing into the wind, is placed on the turntable in such a manner that the ground cable released from the nose of the dirigible catches in the point of the "wishbone" and moors the ship securely.

Mirrors in the Shop Speed Work

THE use of a mirror is not always an indication of vanity. It has a definite place in modern shop equipment and proves its right to that place in many ways. For instance, when using a circular saw attachment on the lathe, the table is necessarily much higher than would be the case with a regular machine for the same purpose, and it is quite difficult to see the point at which the saw enters the work. A mirror placed at some convenient point opposite and behind the lathe shows a good view of just what is going to happen.

A small mirror mounted on an adjustable stand is convenient on many jobs, not only to "see around corners" but in some cases to throw a beam of light into some dark corner.



This is how mirror shows point of saw entry. The insert shows an adjustable shop mirror.

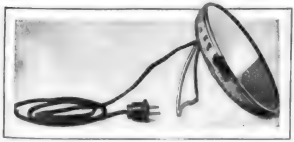
Outboard Motor Dredges Piles From Lake After Storm

As the stream loosened the piles they were salvaged by men on the raft.

Hypodermic Makes Meat Juicy

DOCTOR GAUDUCHEAU, an eminent French physician, claims to have discovered a process for making large, juicy steaks from the meat of undernourished animals. The process consists of injecting salt water, oil of garlic, cooking cognac and oil of nuts into the meat with a hypodermic needle over a period of several days.

A Mirror With Internal Light



The electric bulb concentrates light on the face.

THIS toilet and shaving mirror, recently invented in Germany, is equipped with an internal electric bulb which concentrates the light on the user's face. It is portable and may be plugged into any light socket.

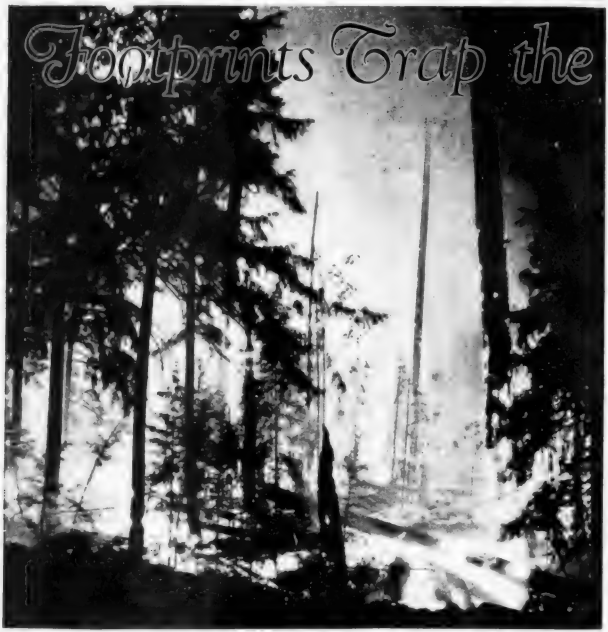
AN OUTBOARD motor designed for pleasure outings became a work horse recently and helped to repair the ravages committed by Lake Michigan during the late storms. The pounding of the waves reduced the wooden breakwater at Waukegan, Illinois, to kindling. When the storm subsided the naked piling was left standing, unsightly and useless before the factory doors.

Engineers commandeered an outboard motor capable of producing about 10 horse power and used this boat power engine to remove the piling. Attached to a centrifugal pump, the motor threw a stream of water at high pressure for more than fifty feet.

A raft, the power head mounted in a boat, a length of hose and iron pipe completed the equipment used by the crew of men to remove about twenty of the piling. The pipe was thrust into the bottom of the lake alongside the piling, and the thrust of the water at high pressure loosened the huge poles.

The force developed by this power head is believed to have opened new avenues of uses for this type of motors. Hydraulic mining and other work requiring a stream of water under high pressure will be new fields of endeavor.

Footprints Trap the



Plaster footprint casts now help to convict arsonists who set forest fires like the one in this photo.

AS MUCH as thirty years ago forestry officials realized that footprints were usually an important clue to the identity of persons who cause forest fires. Footprints about the scene of a forest fire origin were often the means of accomplishing the arrest of a suspect, but they were seldom conclusive evidence for obtaining his conviction in court.

Today, however, persons who start forest fires by criminal carelessness, or deliberate criminal intent, run an infinitely greater risk of going to prison than they ever have in the past. The detection of forest fire origins has become a highly developed science. Science has eliminated much of the guesswork from forest firebug identification. Forest detectives have learned what clues to look for, and how to interpret them when such clues are found. One of the strongest links in the forging of such chains of evidence is a method of recording footprints so that footprint evidence is now almost the same clue to the identification of the person who starts a forest fire as fingerprints are to a police identification bureau.

As a means of putting teeth into footprint evidence, private detectives employed in the forest lands of a large western lumber company, took a lesson from specialists

Forest Firebug

by John Edwin Hogg

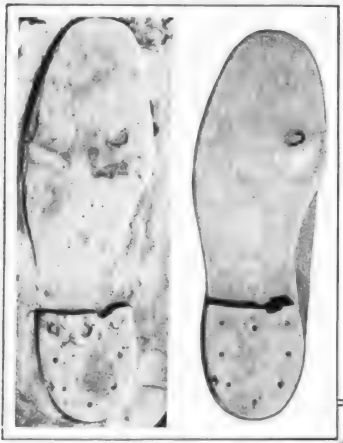
Footprints, almost as infallible as fingerprints, help convict firebugs who destroy forests, through a plaster cast system of recording shoe prints found at the scene of the crime.

Making firebugs who set forest fires help to extinguish them is one measure of punishment inflicted. Note the thick smoke haze.

of natural history. They adopted the method of taking plaster cast records of human footprints, which has been used for many years in natural history science for recording the footprints of dinosaurs, and other prehistoric animals.

To record such footprints, a very thin mixture of plaster of Paris and water is poured into the impression found on the ground. The plaster hardens in a few minutes, and may then be picked up in the form of a durable, negative replica of the imprint. In natural history work these negative records are re-cast to obtain a final specimen in the form of a positive. But for forest detective work the plaster records are taken in negative form only. The negative plaster cast of a footprint impression in soft earth, clay or sand, becomes practically a duplicate image of the footwear worn by the suspected forest criminal. Skillful work permits the recording of forest footprints with such a degree of accuracy that a good footprint is almost the equivalent of the name and address of the person who starts a forest fire.

Obviously, the best footprint records are taken from those that occur in soft earth, mud, clay, or damp sand. For a long time after this method came into use footprints in dry sand were next to worthless. The forest detectives, however, refused to give up anything offering even a partial solution to the identification of those who start forest fires. So, after a great deal of experimenting, they found that footprints in dry sand could be carefully sprayed with fine oil from an atomizer, binding the sand together to make highly accurate footprint records possible in plaster.

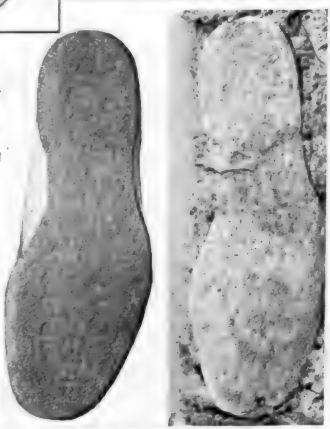


Plaster cast of a footprint left in wet mud, at left, is an almost perfect reproduction of the sole that left the print, shown at right.

The deduction of evidence from footprint records has become an art and a science with those guardians of the forests who now apply it for the protection of our all-important forest resources. Through years of study these men have learned that it is almost impossible to find any two pairs of boots or shoes that will leave identical imprints upon the ground. Two pairs of shoes, of the same size and shape, produced by the same manufacturer, would leave imprints that would be exactly alike to the average person. But let the footprint expert examine two such similar footprint records and he will quickly note many differences. The slightest wear discernible on the two pairs of shoes will not occur in the same places on identical shoes worn by two different persons. Careful measuring and calipering will quickly reveal the difference. Moreover, it has been learned that even the first few steps in a new pair of shoes will brand them with certain tell-tale marks easily distinguished by the forest detective who studies the plaster record of the imprint made by such a shoe. Give him the record of any footprint, and he'll compare it with any number of shoes to find the one with which the imprint was made.

Now, let us see how these footprint records are actually applied in the detection of forest fire origins. Some convicted forest firebugs who are now doing time in prison might tell a better story. "They'd know better next time."

Some months ago a fire trap was discovered in a western forest. By rare good fortune a timber cruiser found it several hours before an alarm clock contraption, hooked up with a battery and spark plug, would have started a destructive forest fire. It took the forest detectives only a few hours to gather the following evidence from around the scene of the fire trap:



Sponge rubber shoe sole, at left, with plaster impression taken from sand, at right. Oil is sprayed on the sand containing the print to solidify it for the plaster.

Dog's Footprint With Missing Toe Convicts Master of Forest Arson

The culprit who had attempted this dastardly deed was a man about six feet tall and weighing around 200 or 220 pounds.

He was wearing leather boots with rubber heels.

These boots were fairly well worn.

There was a hole in the sole of his right boot near the middle of the ball of the foot.

The rubber heels were worn and run over.

The left boot bore a mark near the toe that

Forest fires such as this are often set by firebugs who want the land cleared so that they can use it as pasturage for cattle herds.

Dotted line indicates missing portion of a dog's toe, preserved in a cast of his footprint, which helped convict his firebug master.

was apparently the result of being stubbed upon a nail.

The man was wearing corduroy trousers that flapped loosely outside his boots. (Indicated by marks in mud and sand.)

All of the foregoing evidence was obtained from footprint records.

Evidence deduced from other sources was as follows:

The man was wearing a gray sweater.

He chewed tobacco of a well-known plug twist brand.

With this evidence at hand, fourteen men who were known to have been in the forest at approximately the time the fire trap was set, were detained upon suspicion. One by one these suspects were eliminated, and the fourteenth man openly accused of the crime. Confronted with evidence that spelled his conviction in court, the offender pleaded guilty, and is now in prison.

This was a very simple and easy conviction of a forest firebug. The primary identification of the culprit was by the fact that his footprints matched his boots so perfectly that he might as well have left his name and address on the fire trap. The fact that he wore a gray sweater was gleaned from a little wisp of wool that had been snagged off in the brush. He had left various samples of the kind of tobacco he chewed while setting the fire trap. Only one tobacconist in a neighboring village sold that kind of tobacco, and he furnished the names of the men to whom he habitually sold it. Fingerprints on the fire trap told part of the story, and the alarm clock was traced to the manufacturer—then to a local jeweler, who testified that he'd sold it to the man accused of attempting to set the forest on fire. The

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CIRCLES World on MOTORCYCLE

Lieut. Kralichek-Soboleff and his globe-circling motorcycle.

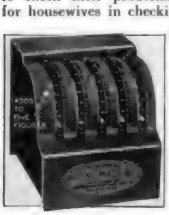
LIEUTENANT I. S. Kralichek-Soboleff, former member of the Russian "White Army," and at present representing the Russian Y.M.C.A. of Shanghai, China, is now nearing the completion of his most unusual feat of traveling around the world on a motorcycle. During his travels, which started a year and a half ago, he has passed through eighteen countries and has covered 32,000 miles. He recently arrived in California, from where he will make his way back to China to complete his trip.

Mud Doesn't Stick to This Shovel

A PNEUMATIC shovel has been invented by Thomas A. O'Neil of Clifton, Arizona, which is so designed that it prevents ores, concentrates, and other sticky material from clinging to the edge and surface. The shovel is so constructed that a stream of compressed air can be delivered from the forward edge, breaking up the clinging material so that it may be readily handled.

An Inexpensive Adding Machine

THIS small adding machine, which is cheap enough to be within the means of all, is made especially for school children to check their problems in addition and for housewives in checking their household accounts. It is also said to be accurate enough for storekeepers or professional men in totaling invoices, statements, etc.



The machine will add any set of figures that do not exceed a total of 99,999.

Making Your Own Coil Springs

WITH a hand drill, pliers and a quantity of piano wire you can turn out coil springs of innumerable sizes and degrees of strength.

Clamp the drill in a vise, with the chuck up and select a drill bit, rod or section of pipe of the approximate inside diameter of the spring to be made. Clamp the end of the wire in the chuck together with the bit, and wind it around the form by turning the drill handle, guiding the wire with one hand. It may be necessary to bend the end of the wire at right angles to make it hold in the chuck. Most springs will unwind slightly when released, so you should use a form somewhat smaller than the inside measurement.

This is the way to set up the hand drill for making your own coil springs.

Rubber Cap and Mask Protects Swimmer's Eyes and Ears

OCCASIONAL swimmers sometimes find that water in the eyes and ears becomes annoying. As a protection from this inconvenience a rubber cap with an attached mask has been devised which keeps water from eyes and ears as well as keeping the hair dry. The mask is fitted with small glass goggles and may be turned up when not in use.

The new mask is already popular on the California beaches. Here is Leila Hyams, motion picture star, displaying one of the many styles.

Self-Adjusting Shock Absorber

EVER since the coming of the automobile, engineering brains have been concerned with controlling spring action. Heretofore all of these devices have been limited in their capacity, as sufficient resistance to control excessive spring action has resulted in a sacrifice of center freedom.

This problem now seems to be solved by the new Hydro-Cushion which employs a variable by-pass which automatically keeps the center of weight in true relation to the automobile springs no matter what load is carried. It is claimed by the manufacturers that this shock absorber will entirely eliminate bottoming, pitching, throwing and sidesway. The device is procurable for all makes of cars.

Cut-away view of double cylinder hydro-cushion. The cylinder on the left is for checking sidesway and rebound while the one on the right is the compression cylinder. Figures 1-7 indicate the silencer, 2-8 the pressure piston, 3-11 the pin valves, 4-9 the check valves, 5-10 the orifices, and 6 the compensator. Oil furnishes resistance.

Copper and Brass Easily Tinned

BRASS and copper are easily tinned if first boiled with tin filings in a solution of caustic alkali or cream of tartar.

One Tire — Two Water Dishes

WHAT the poultry raiser wants for young chicks is plenty of water but placed so that there is no danger of drowning. An old auto casing will make two just such watering dishes of shallow depth, easy access and ample supply.

All you have to do is run a knife around the casing through the tread midway between the beads. The photo shows one-half of such a tire in use. Of course, the casing that is well worn will be best since it will cut more easily. Half a tire will hold enough water to last twenty chicks all day.

Tire provides plenty of water with no danger.

Denmark's Amazing SUBMARINE Plane

The Danish Navy recently secretly tested a successful plane which not only flies, but which can fold its wings and travel undersea—a perfect submarine!

AT LAST the flying submarine has been invented. This hybrid craft which has already undergone successful tests off the Danish coast, will travel over land, run down a beach and launch itself into the sea, and then it is able to turn itself into a submarine and continue to travel underwater. This important military invention, developed by the Danish Navy, can then rise to the surface, unfold its telescopic wings and fly away from the scene of operations.

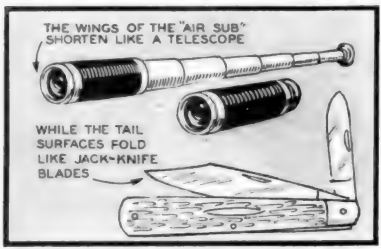
The four-element craft has a tapering metal hull resembling the well known Dornier flying boat hulls—in fact it is rumored that the invention is the work of the Dornier factory—and on each side are the folding metal wings which are telescoped when not in use. This telescoping is done by a worm gear mechanism within the hull of the strange craft. Floats and wheels undercarriged on the wing stubs perform their functions when called upon to make water or field landings.

Afloat, after closing the water-tight compartments of the ship, the crews can submerge her and operate her like a submarine by flooding the tanks provided for the purpose. The submarine characteristics of the craft are further enhanced by the folding of the tail surfaces of the airplane, which function is performed after the manner of the pocket knives known to every small boy. The stabilizer and vertical fins fold into the hull like knife blades, the blades of the propellers are removed by a special quick-demounting device, a periscope is run up, and presto! The airplane is ready to dive!

Sounds like a real Jules Verne dream, doesn't it? Yet the device is an actuality. Pictures in the form of photographs are not available for obvious military reasons, but a representative of MODERN MECHANICS has drawn the ship from information gained by close contact with reliable sources.

As a submarine, the craft is propelled by a small gasoline engine, exhausting and taking in fresh air from the periscope tubes when the craft is running under the surface—immune from gunfire and of such extremely low visibility that it is highly effective as a scout. The vessel can be further submerged, but cannot then be operated by the power of a propeller.

When submerged, pumps are manually operated. Small battery-plant is carried for the lighting of the ship. The crew comprises five men.



The wings of the Danish Navy's triple-threat plane fold like the elements of a telescope when it is desired to submerge. The tail surfaces fold into the hull like knife blades.

Exact details as to the armament carried are not available, though logic would indicate that aerial bombs would be the most easily carried and the most destructive weapons possible. Light torpedoes are carried, however.

Among the interesting accessories of the machine are a combined wheel skid and rudder, removable railing, retractable wheels.

The fact that such a plane is now actually built and operated is no less amazing to present day folk than was the announcement of Simon Lake's first successful undersea trip.

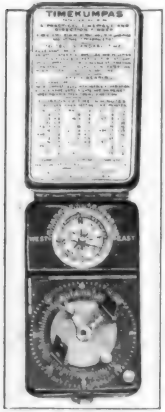
Amazing in the daringness of conception, and expected to be far reaching in strategical value from a military standpoint is the remarkable new submarine-amphibion airplane secretly tested by Denmark.

"Movie-of-U" Makes Film for Screen Test in Six Minutes

With this new "Movie-of-U" the aspirant sits in booth while a self-operating and developing camera makes movie photos in six minutes.

ALL those aspiring to fame as movie stars can save themselves the costly trip to Hollywood for a try-out by using the newly invented "Movie-of-U" device shown in the photo at the left. The chief feature of the machine is a self-operating and developing camera. The aspirant enters the booth, inserts a quarter in the slot, presses the button that sets the electrically powered camera in motion, and proceeds to act. In six minutes after she has finished, the film is developed and is projected on the screen above the head for inspection.

Pocket Kit for Guiding Woodsmen



OUTDOOR sportsmen who like to wander footloose around in the woods will find the new "tele-compass," shown in the photo at the left, an invaluable addition to their hiking equipment. The instrument comprises an accurate compass, a sun dial, and a range finder, all of which are contained in a small folding pocket kit that occupies very little space. It will be hard to get lost with this device at hand, which is the invention of Geo. Hollinwood.

A Talking Grandfather's Clock

A GRANDFATHER clock that has gone modern with a vengeance, which chimes and talks the hours, reminds you that it is eight o'clock — time to go to school, picks up broadcast music, plays the latest record hits—which in fact seems to have everything but a soul, has recently been built by Joseph Pinto. The clock contains the usual clock machinery, a loud speaker, a radio receiving set, phonograph and records.

This clock "talks" hours, reminds you of duties, and plays radio and phonograph music.

New Golf Practice Court Retrieves Balls Automatically

CHASING golf balls on practice courts needs no longer be the nuisance it usually is if the invention recently perfected by a Seaside, Oregon, druggist is installed in the courts throughout the country. Where in the old type of practice court the player had to go out and pick up his golf balls and place them on the tee, the new court performs the same acts automatically, so that all the player has to do is swat away till he gets tired.

Golf ball returns by gravity and compressed air plunger to tee.

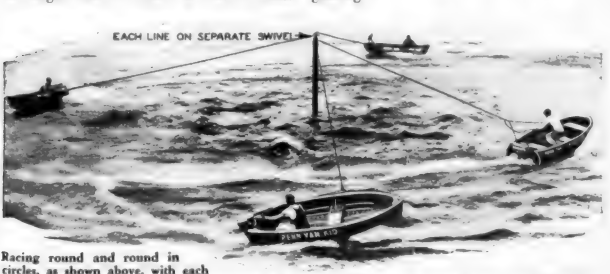
The new court has a flooring which slants from the backstop towards the tee. The ball strikes the canvas backstop, drops to the floor and rolls back via the groove to a compartment beneath the tee platform. When the player has driven a ball, he presses down a foot pedal in front of him. The tee descends and a lever operates a control which admits one golf ball from the compartment to the tee. The speed of the return may be regulated by adjusting the compressed air valve.

Talkies Teach Medical Students

TALKIES were recently put to use at the Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago to record by sight and sound the procedure of a major operation, voice instruction accompanying the visual demonstration.

Motor Boat Sportsmen Race Over Merry-Go-Round Course for Thrill

SPEEDING at 40 miles per hour in an outboard motorboat around a merry-go-round course is one of the thrill-producers of water sportsmen at Winterhaven, Florida. Each boat is attached to a rope of a different length from the others so that the boats can pass each other on the course. They circle round and round the central pole held by the ropes. The only difficulty in this sport is that you never get anywhere—you just keep on going and end at the beginning.



Racing round and round in circles, as shown above, with each boat attached to a line from the center post, is proving thrilling sport among motor boat enthusiasts.

TRICKS of the

This remarkable photograph, taken by a cameraman concealed in a nearby tower, shows Detroit rum runners landing liquor at a dock on the Detroit river. The rum runners are unloading a speedboat, being held by man with rope at right, while his companions are transferring the liquor to a car. The second car is used to convoy the liquor through town.

A Chicago bootlegger recently remarked that there was at least one honest official in that town—Pat Roche, chief investigator for the State's Attorney—who couldn't be "fixed." For eight years Roche was a special agent for the treasury on the trail of crooked dry agents. He tells here the inside story of the rum runners, and why they flourish.

IN TWO weeks' time a few years ago, on the strength of a set of credentials purporting to show that I was a prohibition agent, I had $85,000 in bribes handed me as my share of the money being paid a small ring of dry agents in New York.

"Important money," as the gangsters call thousand dollar bills when handed out in fist-fuls, can be had at any time, usually without even the asking, by any official of the prohibition or customs services. Less important money can be had by any of untold thousands of policemen, sheriffs, deputies, highway patrolmen, state policemen, township constables and politicians—everybody, in fact, who comes in contact with the vast business of transporting and selling liquor.

Is it any wonder that enough of them fall for the graft to make the liquor business a fairly safe gamble? Most of the men who can make anywhere from $100 to $100,000 by turning the head or being in the wrong place at the right time are earning in the neighborhood of $50 to $75 a week.

I was never a bona fide prohibition agent, but for eight years I was a special agent of the treasury department working, chiefly, to trap crooked dry agents. To do that we usually had to trap the bootleggers and rum runners with whom they dealt, so I saw

Rum Runners

by PAT ROCHE
Former Special Agent U. S. Treasury

A favorite trick of rum runners is to store their cargo in a gas tank. Note all the bottles taken from one tank.

plenty of the inside of the rum game.

If you draw a line around the United States, about 250 to 300 miles back from the border, you have marked off the chief rum running territory. In the vast hinterland the local moonshiner, the cheating druggist, the home brew maker, and the peddler of poisonous extracts and concoctions is the chief source of supply for intoxicants.

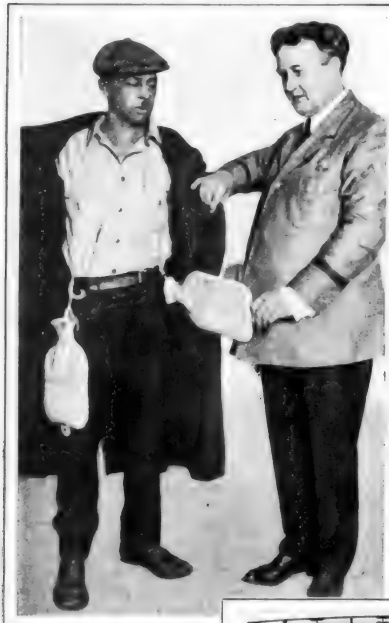
But within a night's automobile ride of the rum ships along the coast, the export docks of Canada—which are now going out of business—and the Mexican border is the habitat of the rum runner and the big time bootlegger.

It costs, or has cost while the export docks along the Detroit river flourished, about $20 to grease the way for a case of liquor to reach Chicago. Five dollars went to the boatman who ferried the case across the river; $5 to the guard who let it slip past the border, and $10 smoothed the way through Michigan and Indiana into Chicago.

A case of standard brands of Scotch, in 40 ounce, imperial quarts, commission wrapped—that is, bearing the seals and wrapping of the Quebec Liquor Commission—costs $65 in Canada. Add $20 for graft, and the cost of running the liquor down by automobile, 20 cases to a load, and the case costs about $87, delivered in Chicago. The market price is around $125 to $135, depending on the supply.

But you can buy commission wrapped Scotch in Chicago for $55 to $65 a case! The answer is cutting plants, fake labels, fake stamps, and fake wrapping. The Quebec Liquor Commission has a special wrapping paper, with red, blue and green threads woven into it, just like the American treasury notes. But we have seized vast quantities of counterfeit paper that couldn't be told from the genuine if we didn't know the liquor commission controlled all the genuine supply.

The cutting plant buys large quantities of genuine liquor from the runners, opens the bottles, and adds an equal part of alcohol and an equal part of water, making three cases out of one. Flavoring and coloring matter also are added to bring the taste and appearance up to the original. Bottles, either purchased new from glass



A unique method of liquor transportation via hot water bottles. The culprit was captured by a detective curious as to why the negro gurgled when he walked.

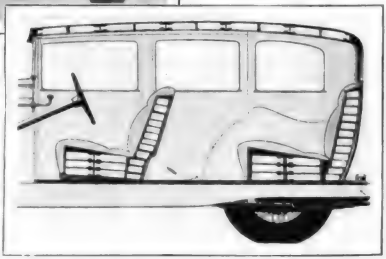
plants which make them to order and duplicate any foreign product in shape, size and appearance, or bought from old bottle dealers who have built up a market for empties, are used. The finished product can not be told from the original.

If the alcohol used in cutting is pure grain, the product itself is no more harmful than the original pure liquor. If it is re-cooked denatured alcohol its harmfulness depends on the skill of the cooker and the state of his equipment. Nobody can remove the government formula denaturants completely, for their evaporation point is too near that of pure alcohol, and some is bound to pass over with the alcohol vapor to be condensed.

An expert cooker can produce a product that is virtually harmless, but so few of them are expert, and, working in dirty basement hideaways, with dirty equipment, they actually cook into the product poisons that were not there before.

Low grade alcohol, produced from corn sugar or other sources, is also largely used in faking real liquor. There again the dirt and poisons from insanitary equipment are the chief source of danger.

Counterfeit American brands have virtually disappeared, and with them has disappeared the counterfeiting of internal revenue strip stamps on a large scale. A certain



240 quarts of whisky can be concealed in the body of a five-passenger sedan without leaving a suspicious trace. Drawing shows how cars are made with contraband compartments.

X-Ray Pierces Hay Bales to Uncover Concealed Shipment of Whisky

Science comes to the aid of dry agents in detecting liquor shipments. Here we have government agents uncovering whisky shipped inside bales of hay, using a portable X-ray. The man at the left is holding a fluoroscope, looking through a bale, while the agent at right operates the X-ray machine.

amount is still made, and only yesterday 17 men, including 11 from Chicago and three from New York, two from Milwaukee and one from Rock Island, were sentenced in a Chicago federal court for that crime.

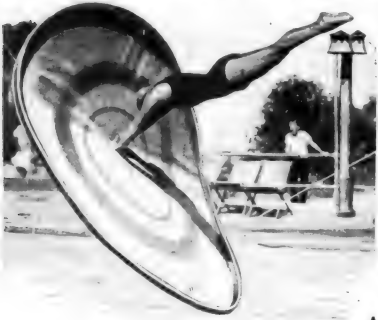
I broke up one of the biggest counterfeiting rings in history here in Chicago a few years ago and for a time put fake strip stamps off the market.

The tricks by which liquor is slipped past the borders and moved to the nearby cities are legion. It's a pretty safe bet, though, that tricks alone don't move one case in 100. Somewhere along the route graft must be paid.

Automobiles are largely used to bring liquor into Chicago. Standard sedans are turned over to expert body builders who specialize in building hidden compartments. A standard five passenger sedan can be altered to hide twenty cases of 12 bottles each, without any of the secret compartments being visible, even under close scrutiny. That's 240 quarts, and it seems almost impossible to hide that many bottles in the backs of the seats, the sides and the roof of a car without causing undue bulging, but it is being done right along.

The tricks along the sea coast are equally unique. Just the other day a fishing boat came into New York, apparently with a solid concrete ballast in the hold. Dry agents who ripped out the concrete found it was only a thin floor, with a fortune in liquor under it. Some liquor, after it reaches this country, is shipped by rail as freight in large lots, or as express in small quantities. The usual express dodge is to pack six bottles in a tin can, solder it tight, so if one is broken it can't leak, and pack two tins to a box. The shipper has labels printed purporting to show he is a dealer in radio parts, printing plates, or some similar product that would be shipped in boxes of about that size and weight. The buyer pays cash in advance. If the shipment is detected and confiscated by government agents, it is the buyer who loses his money.

Water Sportsmen Dive Bull's-eyes Through Paper Target

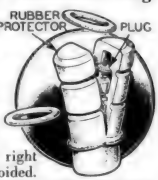


Johnny Riley, national diving champ, is here scoring a hit in California's latest water sport.

SCORING bull's-eyes by diving headlong into huge paper targets is the latest diversion in water sports to be introduced among water-minded Californians. This unique pastime came into popularity recently during the preparations for annual spring tournament, in which Johnny Riley, national diving champion, shown scoring a perfect bull's-eye at the left, will be the chief contender.

Diving at the bull's-eye of the target teaches accuracy and form for water sportsmen, and is altogether harmless.

Rubber Case Saves Plugs



ALLOWING a spark plug to knock around in a tool kit often results in breakage. However, by enclosing it in the hollow rubber protector shown at the right the danger is avoided. The device is grooved for holding the rings which band the two rubber halves together.

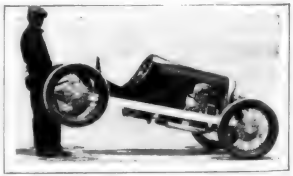
Exerciser Rights Faulty Posture

This device corrects faulty posture by exercising neck, shoulder and arm muscles.

BUSINESS men and women who by necessity must lead sedentary lives will find the exercising device shown at the left an excellent corrective for the stooping posture developed by such a manner of living. The device can be hung up in a doorway or in the attic for a few minutes exercise each day. Muscles of the shoulders, arms and neck are given a strenuous workout by the pulling movement of the arms and the stretching motion to the neck.

Lightest Racer Does 70 Per Hour

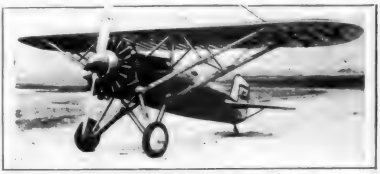
DAYTONA Beach has seen thousands of fast autos during the history of its race track career, but the smallest it has ever seen is the tiny Keeger, shown with its owner below, Fred Hapenauer. Although it weighs only 540 pounds, it can streak along at 70 miles per hour.



This 540-pound racing car, lightest at Daytona Beach, has a v-shaped motor of two cylinders.

First All Metal Parasol Type Fighting Plane for the U. S.

THE Boeing Airplane Company has developed the first all-metal parasol type combat plane which has recently been accepted by the United States Air Service. In a test flight this ship was flown from Seattle to Omaha at a cruising speed of 160 m.p.h. Although the high speed and climb are exceptional, this data is being withheld by the Army Intelligence Department. Machine guns are synchronized to fire through the propeller which spins at a rate of 2200 revolutions per minute. Bomb racks are carried under the fuselage. The ship is a single seater and is powered with a 450 horse-power supercharged Wasp motor.



Boeing fighter is powered with 425 horsepower Wasp motor.

Takes Photo on Untreated Metal

Metal records image projected in full daylight.

DOCTOR P. H. CARR has developed an appliance for photographing on untreated metal. The invention is based on the discovery that metals record impressions from streaks of electrons and that these marks may be developed in the photographic sense of the word.

Rubber Cravats Don't Wear Out

A PROPOSED new use for rubber, now much over-produced for the world's markets, and a new article of clothing have been created in France in the form of a rubber necktie. Sheets and threads of rubber or rubberized fabric are put together into either the conventional four-in-hand tie, into bows or other varieties. Colors can be provided to suit the wearer's taste. Surface finishes resemble either silk or other fabrics, or totally new effects of color and texture not obtainable with any necktie material now available can be created, the inventors claim, in the new rubber articles. The rubber ties do not fray at the edges or wear out. Breakfast egg and noon-day soup spots have no terrors for them.

Small Latch from Old Coil Parts

A LIGHT door latch can be quickly and easily made of old vibrator parts from a Ford coil box. The steel hammer strip is ripped off one bridge and the ends filed back a bit. The end of the round hammer is cut off and the spring bent and set firmly downwards. A latch bar is cut from an old barrel hoop just wide enough to slip under the bridges which are tacked down with heavy tacks. The hammer holds the latch bar tight.

Inexpensive latch is easy to make and set up.

LEARN to FLY

Donald McDonald, of Roswell, New Mexico, wins the eighth free flying course.

Second prize, a real flying helmet, goes to Sherman T. Clinger, of Kansas City.

While Richard K. James, of Fort Humphries, Va., walks off with the goggles for 3rd prize.

THE lucky man to win the eighth "Win Your Wings" contest is Donald McDonald, living at 513 North Missouri Street, Roswell, New Mexico.

Did we say "Lucky"? Well, perhaps we don't do justice to the eighteen-year-old lad who submitted the prize-winning letter. Donald adhered strictly to the rules of the contest. His entry blank was complete, a photo was enclosed, the letter was mailed on time and was the acme of neatness.

But most important of all—this bonnie laddie from the "*hie'lans*" of New Mexico really had something to say and knew exactly how to say it. If Donald flies as well as he writes he'll be an ace in no time.

Sherman T. Clinger, who resides at the Y.M.C.A. in Kansas City, Missouri, was declared winner of the second prize because of his originality in submitting his entry in the form of a home-made phonograph record. Mr. Clinger took us so by surprise by sending in the record that some of the judges almost let the originality of presentation over-ride the excellent subject matter in the letter which eventually was awarded first prize. The debate concerning the relative merits of these two entries got so hot that the "Big Boss" had to be called in to break the dead-lock.

Richard K. James, of Fort Humphries, Virginia, was awarded third prize—a pair of real flying goggles—after another hot argument among the judges. Nearly thirty other letters were almost on par with that of Mr. James. If these contests get any hotter they'll have to be taken into the ice-box to be judged.

But Mr. James well merits his victory. He is one of the regular entrants in the "Win Your Wings" contests, and his entries have always shown enough class to receive consideration. In two previous contests he has barely been nosed out for third prize. A little more care with your answers, Dick, and you'll win a free flying course yet. In the meantime, these goggles will come in handy on these long motorcycle trips you

WE PAY the WAY

were telling us about last month.

But to get back to our first-prize winner. At the time this is being written Donald McDonald is awaiting word from the Department of Commerce on the outcome of his physical examination. If he successfully passes it he will receive his training at "The Air University of America," the Braley School of Flying at Wichita, Kansas. This is the same school as Bob Dumas, the winner of Contest Number 2, attended. Further information about the Braley school will be found on the following page.

Flying fans will be interested to learn that Bob Ringle, the winner of Contest Number 5, has completed his course at the Von Hoffmann School at St. Louis, and has come through with flying colors. Bob likes the school so well that he is staying right on there until he gets in enough hours to obtain his pilot's license. That's the spirit, Bob.

And now for Flying Contest Number Twelve. There'll be only one more contest after this one, so let's hear from all of you flying fans! Six questions are hidden in the advertising section of this issue of MODERN MECHANICS. All you have to do is to find these questions, write out your answers to the best of your ability, clip and fill in the entry blank at the bottom of this page and mail them to us. Don't forget to enclose a photograph of yourself.

For the best set of answers, as determined by the contest judges, a free flying course at some reputable aviation school will be awarded. MODERN MECHANICS will pay the full tuition, railroad fare both ways, room and board and some incidental expenses such as the purchase of goggles and helmet.

For the second best set of answers a real, honest to goodness flying helmet will be the prize, while third prize will be a pair of genuine aviator's goggles.

You may be next! The fact that you may have won a minor prize in a previous contest does not bar you from trying for the big prize. Get your shears and clip the entry blank, sign on the dotted line, and —Let's Go!

WIN YOUR WINGS!

Rules of the Contest

For the best answers to the six questions that can be found in the advertising section in the back of this issue, as determined by the contest judges, MODERN MECHANICS will award a complete flying course in some recognized flying school, paying all expenses of tuition, living costs, railroad fares and for some needed equipment in the form of helmet and goggles. Neatness, originality and adequacy of answers will be the guiding factors of the judges in determining the winner. Second and third prizes will be awarded as announced elsewhere on this page. It is not necessary to be a yearly subscriber to the magazine.

Anyone may compete who is 16 years of age or over, and a resident of the United States or Canada. Members of the staff of this magazine are, of course, not eligible to enter. Address your letters to Flying Contest No. 12, Modern Mechanics Magazine, 501 Seventh Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn. Entries must be postmarked not later than September 15, 1930, to be eligible for this contest. Clip or copy the entry blank below and attach it to your letter. Fill in the information requested. Include a snap shot of yourself, if possible—a big photo isn't needed; just a kodak print.

It is not necessary to buy a copy of the magazine to compete. In case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded. Fill in the entry blank, answer the questions and send in your entry now. Don't forget to include your photo!

Entry Blank

My name is .....

Address ..... City ..... State .....

Age ..... Height ..... Weight ..... Sex .....

If under 21, please answer the question below:

Will your parents consent to your learning to fly? Parent's signature .....

Attach your answers to the questions, and your photo, to this blank. Mail it before September 15, 1930, to

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Braley School Trains Winner

Above is shown a portion of the large Braley Airport with part of its equipment. At the right, a Travel Air instruction ship.

THE Braley School of Flying, Inc., known as the "Air University of America," has been selected as the well-equipped flying school which will train Donald McDonald, the winner of "Win Your Wings" Contest Number Eight.

We send McDonald to the Braley School with complete confidence, knowing that the training he will receive here will be safe and thorough and that he will leave after completing his course completely satisfied that MODERN MECHANICS has lived up to its promise and has really given him an opportunity to learn to fly.

There are but few flying schools in America approaching the size and completeness of the Braley School. Not only is it especially well equipped materially, but it also has a consistently high class personnel of instructors and maintenance men. General Manager J. V. C. Gregory is himself a transport pilot of long experience.

Another member of the executive staff, E. E. Crumplar, is also a transport pilot and was once a member of Eddie Rickenbacker's "Hat in the Ring" unit of war-time fame. O. P. Harrah, an army trained pilot, has been with the school as operations manager almost since its beginning nearly three years ago. He has an enviable record as a safe pilot, having never had an accident. All flying instructors are transport pilots of long experience and have passed the Department of Commerce tests as qualified instructors.

The school airport, one of the best in the world devoted exclusively to a training school, comprises 320 acres of level prairie. This airport is ideally situated for student training. It is within a mile of the municipal airport and the big tri-motored lines fly over it daily. Adjoining it on the west is the new Cessna airplane factory while a tract on the east is used by another aircraft company. The Swift and Sullivan and the new Knoll factories are within three miles of the school, while the new Travel Air factory is within sight of the field.

The ground school, known as one of the most systematic in the country, is in charge of Fred Snavely, who was trained at Brooks Field in the thorough army method and is putting this thoroughness in the Braley School curriculum. Every ground school instructor holds a government license provided for his particular department.

The school has a maintenance department which works independently of the ground school, insuring that all planes are cared for by competent mechanics. A welding department, and a meteorology and navigation department is also part of the school.

Many Queer Gadgets Found on Burnelli's New Airplane

FREAK planes are nothing new, but a ship of unconventional design that really flies is a distinct novelty. This new type of Brunelli plane, recently flown at the Newark Airport by Roger Wolfe Kahn, not only flies but seems to be nearly foolproof. Large biplane ailerons not only give easy control but additional lift.

This plane looks like a mechanic's nightmare—but it flies.

The World's Largest Saxophone

THERE is plenty of music in this horn. Standing six feet, seven inches in height, this saxophone is believed to be the largest in the world. In spite of its height it may be played from a sitting position—provided the musician is sufficiently expert.

A tripod support is needed for this saxophone.

Senses of Blind Not More Acute

THE popular idea that blind persons develop especially delicate senses of hearing and touch to compensate in part for loss of sight is exploded by Professor Pierre Villey, of the University of Caen, France, in summarizing recent psychological and physiological tests.

There exists, Professor Villey states, tests which determine the least amount of sound which a person can hear or the least pressure on the skin which can be felt. When these minimum sounds and skin pressures are measured for blind persons as compared with normal individuals no consistent differences are found. Accordingly, the French expert concludes, a blind person neither hears nor feels any more delicately or precisely than a normal individual.

What does happen is that the blind person may acquire unusual ability to discriminate between sensations derived from sound or touch and to interpret these sensations correctly. A musician who is able to see, Professor Villey points out, nevertheless acquires abnormal ability to distinguish small differences in musical tones. A bank clerk acquires unusual ability in identifying counterfeit money either by touch or by sight. A botanist will distinguish leaves or an entomologist insects which seem to ordinary people to be exactly alike.

Just so the Caen professor believes, blind persons pay more attention to the messages of touch and hearing than normal persons.

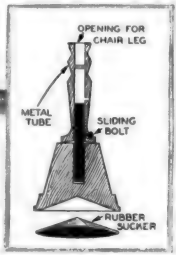
Illuminated Dog to Lead Blind

A BERLIN blind man has invented an illuminated dog so that he and other blind individuals may be led out for walks at night as well as in the daytime. Dogs are now trained in Europe and are being introduced into the United States to guide blind people.

Mechanical AIDS HELP

Have you ever marveled at the cleverness exhibited by jugglers and other stage performers? They're clever, true enough—but mechanical aids help them put across their mystifying tricks.

This juggling stunt is clever enough, but not so difficult as it looks. The diagram at the right shows how the inverted flower pot is held in place by a rubber sucker, while the candlestick which holds the chair leg is secured to the pot by a hidden sliding bolt.



A CLEVER magician produces a girl from thin air; a skillful juggler balances precariously on the rear leg of a chair; a wonder marksman shatters a ball on top of a girl's head. It is all very wonderful, very mysterious, seemingly impossible. The furrowed brows of a legion of spectators voice the question:

"How do they do it?"

And the answer, like the answer to a vast array of other questions, is quite simple. Take, for example, that classic of mystery wherein the magician exhibits a tri-fold screen, wheels it around, opens it up—absolutely empty! And yet, a moment later the screen is again opened and a pretty girl smiles graciously at a bewildered audience.

The "how" is absurdly simple. The center panel of the screen is made of cloth, and this is broken in the center, two strips of overlapping elastic concealing the edges of the vertical cut. The girl is inside the screen when it is first rolled onto the stage, this transition made possible by means of concealed rollers in the legs of the screen. So . . . the screen, closed, is wheeled around and shown on all sides. Immediately the exterior view is finished, the girl quietly slips through the opening in the screen and goes to the back where she stands on a slight platform built on the lower edge. The screen is then opened and the interior shown. As soon as the screen is closed, the girl comes back through the cut panel to the interior, where she carefully adjusts a gracious smile with which to greet her audience. It's as simple as all that!

A miracle man who deceives the public quite disgracefully is the juggler. In one of his pet effects, he places a flower pot on top of a table. On top of the flower pot he places a candlestick, and in the mouth of the candlestick he places the right rear leg of an ordinary kitchen chair. Up on this precarious perch our hero goes, and there he smilingly balances himself, at the same time showering or cascading three or more balls in his hands.

It looks like a skilful piece of work, and it is, too, but in a sense radically different from the audience's viewpoint. The skill is found in the ingenious mechanical arrangement of the properties used. The diagram above shows how the metal flower pot is held to the table by means of a rubber

the Stage Illusionist—

by SAM BROWN

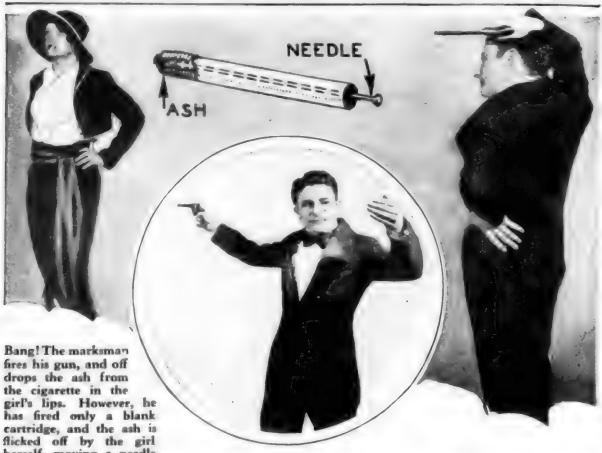
How has this young lady appeared within the folds of the screen when only a moment before the performers had unfolded it and shown it to be empty? The answer is a slit down the center of the screen through which the girl stepped unseen when the two side panels were closed.

sucker. It shows how a sliding iron bolt slips down into a metal tube in the flower pot. It shows how the chair leg is slightly bent in order to fit into the recess in the top of the candlestick. Naturally enough, the performer can well afford to smile and exercise his little skill in juggling three balls when he knows that everything below him is as strong as the rock of Gibraltar.

Other wonders of the stage miracle men are equally simple. There is that little trick of the stage marksman which calls for the extinguishing of a cigarette held in the mouth of an assistant. It is very realistic. You see the red, glowing tip of the cigarette; you see the marksman draw up in position to shoot . . . And then—Bang! the gun is fired, and the cigarette glow is gone, apparently shot away by the bullet.

The audience imagine they have looked upon great skill. What really happens is something entirely different. In the first place, the gun is loaded with nothing more nor less than blank cartridges. The second part of the illusion has to do with the cigarette, which is cleverly prepared, as shown in the diagram, so that a sharp flick on the part of the assistant's tongue sends the long needle darting forward and the ash is knocked from the cigarette tip. Properly timed, the illusion is perfect.

Stage sharpshooters, of course, cannot very well put on a whole program using nothing but blank cartridges. Occasionally they fire an actual bullet. Such is the case in the William Tell effect in which a



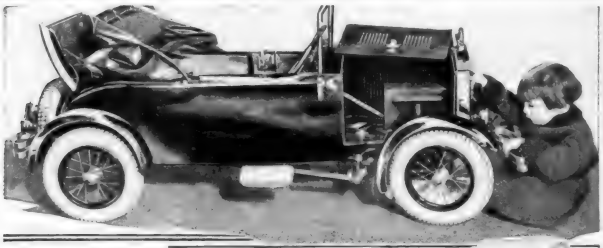
Bang! The marksman fires his gun, and off drops the ash from the cigarette in the girl's lips. However, he has fired only a blank cartridge, and the ash is flicked off by the girl herself, moving a needle in the cigarette with her tongue. The insert shows same stunt done with a mirror for aiming.

ball is shattered as it reposes on the head of a fair assistant. The *modus operandi* differs somewhat. Although a real bullet is used, it never touches the ball. Instead, the modern William Tell aims at a large metal disk which is concealed behind the curtain before which the assistant is standing. This disk is attached to one end of a short rod which is pivoted in the center, the other end housing a sharp spike which swings through a slit cut in the curtain. When the sharpshooter fires, he takes care to strike the curtain about twelve inches above the head of the girl. The bullet will then hit the metal disk, which is padded to prevent ringing, and the spike will be shot forward through the slit in the curtain. The ball, which is a composite one of resin and chalk and very brittle, is shattered by the spike which immediately returns to its place of concealment behind the curtain. The lever is used in many other effects in stage sharpshooting. By the use of this principle, a bullet can be shot through a wedding ring and still break one or more balls. Many performers use a dummy in these effects, the lever being concealed in the dummy's chest, and so arranged that by hitting it the shooter can knock articles from the dummy's head or hands.

Mental telepathy, for which the public has had quite a flair in the past few years, employs many artifices. One of the simplest of these acts requires the medium to be securely blindfolded, a committee from the audience seeing to this part of the program. Nevertheless, she calls out the name and describes minutely any small object which her partner may receive on his tour through the audience. The effect, of course, depends upon the assistant concealed in the wings. He is equipped with a powerful field glass or telescope with which he views, through a slit in the curtain, the various items held up by the performer. The information is then relayed to the medium by means of a headphone set, with wires running under the stage covering, and the act goes along quite merrily.

And so it goes—the most mystifying illusions of stage magicians are only the work of clever mechanics.

SOMETHING NEW on WHEELS



Two-passenger toy auto, worked by foot power, has electric lights, horn.

THERE'S more than one way of getting there, in fact, almost every day brings us something new in the way of transportation. Here we have a child's two-passenger electric lighted foot power car, the storage battery under the hood supply-the juice.

This unique "poor man's car" is propelled the same as an ordinary bicycle.

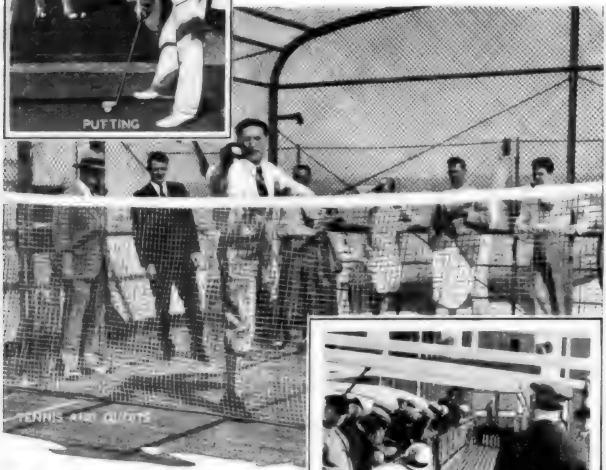
Double-decked trailer shown above has a capacity of six automobiles.

Double-decked auto transport trailers that can carry six automobiles are now being made by a Detroit company. Cars occupying the upper tier are loaded first and raised to a riding position one at a time on an elevated track powered by the motor truck. Although the truck and trailer is sixty feet in length, it is able to negotiate even short turns without interfering with traffic.

The Pedaluxe, which recently made its appearance in Europe, is a three-wheeled foot power affair with a detachable side car.

FLOATING *Playgrounds*

No longer must bored travelers pace the pitching decks or remain curled up in a chair while the tedious hours of the ocean voyage slip slowly by. Every deck on the modern liner is now a fully equipped playground, designed to keep the traveler fit and contented.



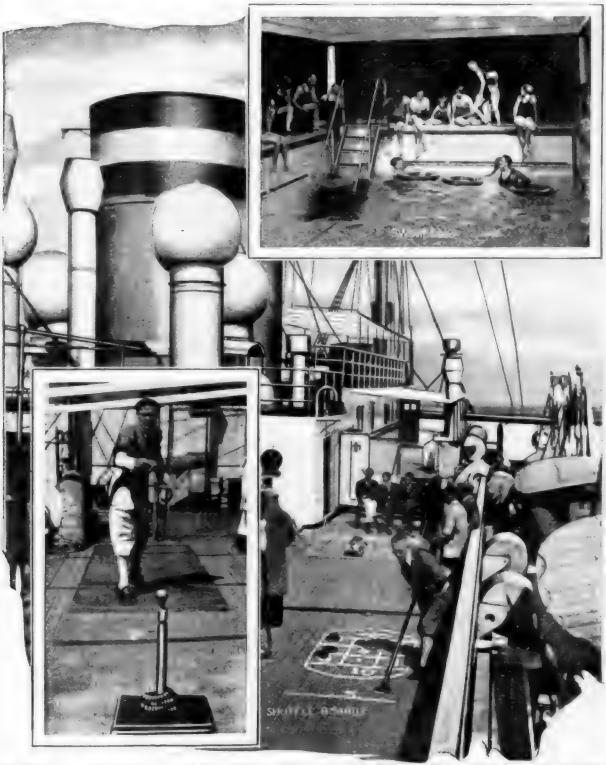
Above are shown the deck putting greens where that elusive touch may be maintained. Full-size tennis courts are also available at sea.

The promenade deck fenced off for bowling.

PERHAPS the most potent reason for the increasing popularity of sea-travel is the extraordinary lengths to which the larger steamship lines have gone to keep the passengers amused and contented.

The very latest addition to the sea-going playground is the regulation tennis court, completely enclosed with wire netting, which has recently been installed on the boat deck of the Hamburg-American liner *New York*. When not being used for the racket game, the court makes an excellent quoits court, the net stretched waist high adding a han-

Keep Ocean Travelers Fit

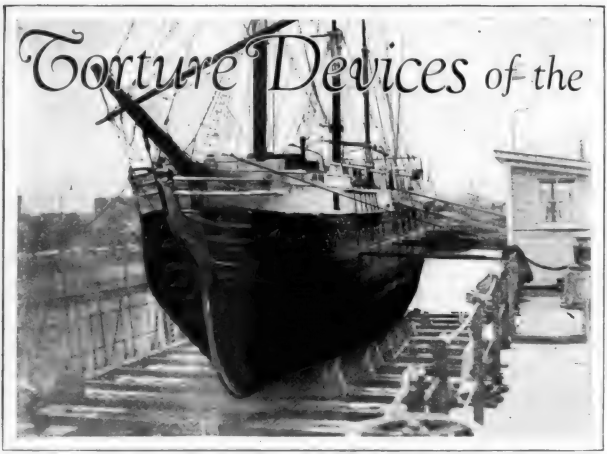


Shuffle-board and quoits, two of the older pastimes aboard ship, are still popular; but only in later years have the liners been equipped with luxurious swimming pools.

dicap which calls for more skill than the ordinary deck quoits.

The smooth hard-wood surfaces of the promenade deck are now being fenced off for bowling and duck pins, while the boat deck is equipped with areas for quoits and shuffle-board. Below decks may be found luxurious swimming pools.

Torture Devices of the



The excellent physical condition of the ship "Success" is due to her construction of Burmese teak

Methods of torture used to punish convicts, in vogue in the last century, are graphically displayed aboard the old prison ship, "Success," used in the 1850's to transport British convicts to Australia. The ship is now touring various American ports.

WHEN the jails of England overflowed with prisoners nearly 130 years ago, Great Britain sought to relieve the situation by chartering a fleet of convict ships to transport the "criminals" to Australia. For fifty years this practice was continued, until public revulsion against the inhumanities to which the prisoners on these ships were subjected caused its abandonment.

At that time there were more than 145 offenses for which the decreed penalty was death, but the hangmen were kept so busy that for the less heinous crimes the sentence of death was commuted to one of transportation for life, or where the crime was exceptionally trivial, in the light of the present day—as, for example, the theft of a twopenny pie or a square of bleached linen—to a sentence of seven years, which was the minimum for a transported convict.

The convict ship *Success*, once more off the ways on her last American cruise, gives mute testimony of how not to solve the problem of more jails or less criminals. For forty years now, this ship, built in the year 1790, has sailed the seven seas as an exhibition in aid of prison reform. Aboard it may be seen the torture irons that broke men physically and mentally; the airless cells that rivalled the black hole of Calcutta; the branding irons which placed the ineradicable mark of the convict on prisoners.

Apart from its horrors of torture chambers, its "coffin" bath in which the wounds of lashed prisoners were swabbed with sea water, its flogging frames, its leg irons, and its punishment balls, the ship is a marvel of shipbuilding craft. Massively built of solid Burmese teak, the *Success* was first launched in 1790 as an armed East India merchantman with brass guns, and fitted

Old Convict Ships

by C. MORAN

handsomely for the reception aboard of princes, nabobs, and the wealthy traders of the Orient.

Her tonnage is 1100, and she is 135 feet long with 30 feet beam. Her solid sides are 2 feet 6 inches thick at the bilge, and her keelson is a solid teak baulk of great thickness, with sister keelsons little less massive. Her square cut stern and quarter galleries stamp her with the hallmark of antiquity, but her bluff bows show that she could never have distinguished herself for a high rate of speed.

The ship was chartered by the British Government in 1802 as

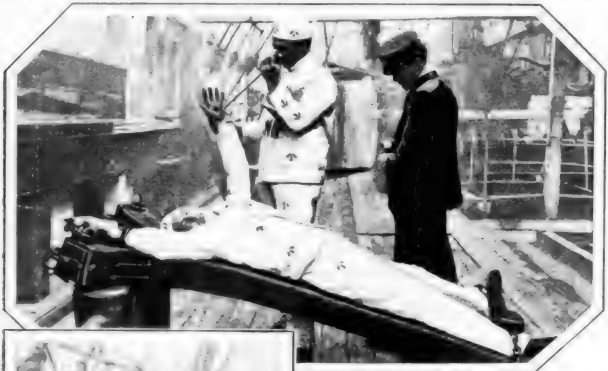
The "coffin bath" in which prisoners were placed after being flogged, where their wounds were splashed with salt water. The tub is lead lined.

one of a fleet of five convict ships to transport prisoners to Australia. Cells were constructed on the 'tween and lower decks, and a large force of warders was employed to guard the prisoners. "Refractory" prisoners were immured in dungeons in the dark depths of the lower deck, their only exercise being restricted to one hour in every twenty-four, when they were marched from stem to stern upon the upper deck. The course they followed can still be perceived by tracing the grooved pathway worn into the original planks of the deck.

The iron maiden, relic of medieval times, had spiked doors which closed on the luckless convict imprisoned within. The one shown above, from the "Success," is one of two now in existence. It was one of the most dreaded forms of torture, inflicted only on the most refractory convicts.

When a prisoner broke for freedom, and was captured, he was compelled to wear a heavy ball of iron, weighing 72 pounds, attached to his belt by a chain. The eyes of refractories on parade were sometimes

Sign of Arrow Branded on Palm Marked Prisoner Forever as a Convict



Before the days of fingerprint systems, prisoners were branded with hot irons. An arrow in the palm of the hand marked them as penal property.

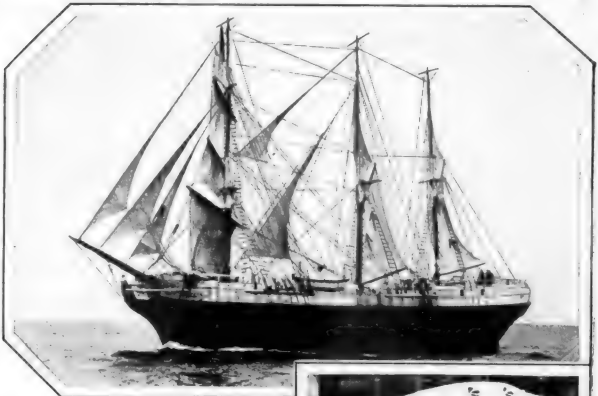
The original armor worn by Ned Kelly, leader of Australia's most notorious gang of bush-rangers (convicts who took to the bush as bandits) is one of the exhibits on the old ship.

tightly bandaged, and a "black gag" was used to silence their cries of pain, the gag consisting of a wooden bit in a leather bridle, the straps buckling around the convict's head and neck. The blacksmith's forge was under the fo'c'sle head, where the iron anklets and chains weighing from 7 pounds to 56 pounds were forged.

The corner cells on either side of the lower deck were the dreaded "black holes" in which prisoners who had been guilty of some breach of discipline or fractious conduct were punished by solitary confinement lasting from one to one hundred days, according to the gravity of the offense. These small and tapering torture-chambers measure only two feet eight inches across. The doors fit tight as valves and close with a swish, excluding all air except what can filter through a perforated iron plate over the bars above the door. A stout iron ring is fastened knee high in the shelving back of the cell and through this ring the right hand of the prisoner was passed, and then handcuffed to the left wrist. He was thus prevented from standing upright or lying down.

Constant applications of the "cat," imprisonment in the "black hole" and other

Convict Ship Used by Prison Reformers as Object Lesson in Cruelty



The "Success" leaving England en route for the United States, under her own sail. She made the trip in 96 days.

punishments were the instruments relied upon for producing a reform. In each of the larger cells, on either side of the corridor, the floor is worn into hollows and grooves, close against the doorway by the constant jangling and friction of the prisoners' leg-irons.

In 1851 the *Success* was permanently stationed as a receiving prison in Hobson's Bay, Australia, but in 1857 the disclosures that had been made of the inhuman treatment accorded the prisoners created an outcry in Australia that resulted in 1868 in the abandonment of the hulk system. For some years later the *Success* was used as a women's prison, then she became successively a reformatory ship and ammunition store, and later all the prison hulks were ordered to be sold on the express condition that they were to be broken up, and their associations lost to the recollection of the people of Australia.

By a clerical error, this condition did not appear upon the terms of sale of the *Success*, hence she remains the only British convict ship afloat on the seven seas. In 1885 she was scuttled and sunk in Sydney harbor where she lay under the waters of

The crank iron turned prisoners into human question marks, holding them in this agonizing position for 2 to 24 hours.

Fort Jackson for five years. Then she was raised to be exhibited as an educational object lesson in prison reform. Since then the *Success* has been on exhibition in the

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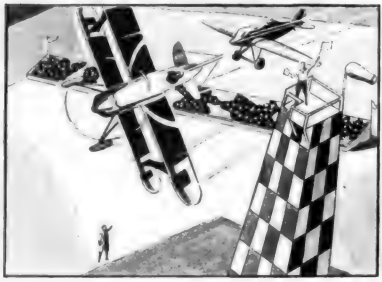
PLANE TALK



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MAJOR H. H. ARNOLD

Experience as a pilot dating back to the days of the Wright brothers, whose early planes he inspected for the government, qualifies Major Arnold admirably as editor of this monthly department. During the war he was assistant chief of the American Air Service.

Smoke Pots Are New Substitute for Airfield Wind Sock

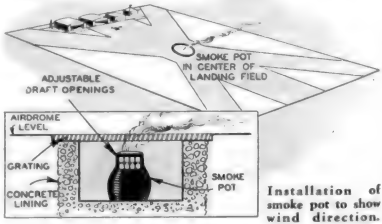
ONE of the first things a pilot does when he approaches a strange field is to look for the wind indicator. This is very important, for practically every maneuver which he makes with his plane from that time on until it stops rolling on the ground hinges on the direction of the wind. He flies the plane so that it heads into the wind, crosses the boundary obstacles at an altitude dependent upon the velocity of the wind and finally brings the plane down for a landing pointed directly into wind.

Although there is a general practice of placing wind cones on conspicuous elevated objects surrounding the airdrome, they are difficult to discern. The color of the cone may blend with the background, it may be hanging limp against the supporting pole, or it may be that the pilot looks for and expects to find the cone at a point far from that at which it actually is.

To secure all of the advantages of the wind cone and eliminate all of the disadvantages, smoke pots have been adopted at some of our most modern airports. The smoke pots are usually placed in the center of the landing circle, as that is the first part of the airdrome to attract the pilot's eye. He sees the circle and then the smoke streaming from the pots at the center. The smoke immediately tells the direction and velocity of the wind right at the point where he will bring his plane down.

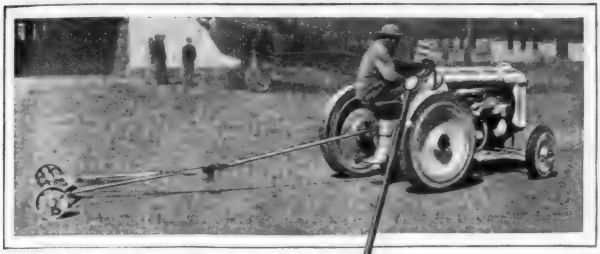
The smoke pots are placed in recesses in the ground and covered by a strong grating. The bars of the grating are sufficiently close together to permit the tail skids of planes to pass over without damage.

The pots burn crude oil and have such a capacity that they need be filled but once a day. The oil costs less than 35 cents a day. At night a small flood light beam illuminates the smoke so that it can be used as a wind indicator in the dark.



Installation of smoke pot to show wind direction.

Special Dolly Moves Airplanes Around Flying Fields

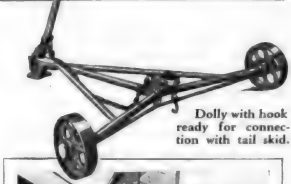


The dolly in traveling position, with the lifting hook at the end of the chain raised several inches above the ground.

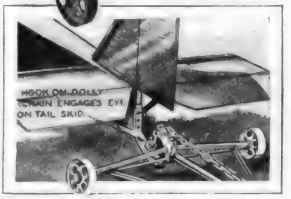
ONE of the most annoying problems of an airport is that of transporting planes from one hangar to another on the field. Airplanes are easy to handle and very graceful when in the air, but on the ground they are heavy, unwieldy pieces of equipment, and moving them about is an awkward problem at best. Some of the later types of planes have been equipped with tail wheels instead of skids, making their ground movements a comparatively simple matter, but the percentage of such ships is yet quite small, most of them clinging to the conventional skid. Accordingly, dollies must be provided in which the tails of planes can rest when being hauled about the field.

In the usual type of dolly it is necessary to lift the tail of the plane to a height of 18 inches to two feet. This requires the services of three or four men, for the tails of most airplanes to be transported in this fashion are very heavy. Accordingly, either men must be called from other work or a surplus of mechanics must always be available.

The photo above shows a new type of dolly which enables one man to raise the tail of an airplane, place it on the dolly and move the plane at will. When the handle of the dolly is in an upright position, a chain connected at its bottom is slack. This chain runs over a pulley and has a hook at its other end for attaching to the tail skid. When the handle is down, as when attached to a tractor for towing, the hook in the skid is lifted slightly and the plane's tail raised off the ground.



Dolly with hook ready for connection with tail skid.

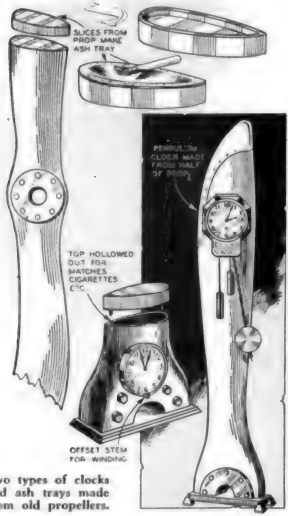


Showing how the hook of the dolly engages the tail skid, the chain moving forward over the pulley when the handle of the dolly is depressed.

Low Pressure Tires for Airplanes

A NEW tire for airplane landing gear which is mounted directly on the hub, taking the place of wheel spokes, is a late development proving popular on the newer planes. The tire, known as the Airwheel, is naturally very fat, and since it carries an increased volume of air it can support the same load as ordinary tires at materially lesser pressures. An enormous shock absorbing capacity is one result of the low pressures, which also helps to eliminate ground loops, and permits operation in sand.

Clocks, Ash Trays, Fans Can Be Made From Old Props



Two types of clocks and ash trays made from old propellers.

ON VISITS to aviation fields and airdromes, one sees many odd and useful things which have been made from old wooden propellers. There are many old propellers lying around every aviation field which can be used to make all sorts of useful articles.

The drawing above shows a wooden propeller with cuts made to secure parts for ash trays and a clock. The average prop is long enough to secure sufficient slices for about a dozen ash trays and still have the hub remaining for a clock.

To make the ash trays, take one of the cuts and hollow out the top with a sharp chisel. The rim should be about a quarter of an inch wide. The center of the top should be about three quarters of an inch deep. Although the wood used in the prop is hard, the top can be prepared with an ordinary wood chisel. The final operation is the fitting of a piece of sheet copper and hammering the copper so that it will conform to the cut out top. When the copper conforms, it is secured in place by a row of copper brads around the rim. The copper sheet is trimmed and all rough edges ground off. After the sides of the ash tray are given a coat of shellac, varnish or other covering, the ash tray is complete.

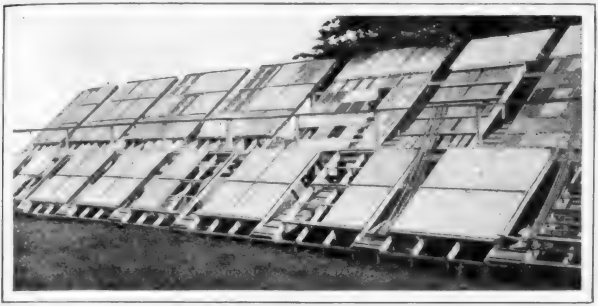
A very attractive clock can be made with the hub of the prop by cutting off the blades a short distance from either side of the hub. Select and fit any type of legs desired, to support the propeller section in a horizontal position. They can be long and set at an angle, or may be short and vertical. Secure an automobile clock and machine out the hub plate so that the clock will fit in the center. Nickel plate or give any other finish desired to hub plate and bolt heads. Varnish the wooden hub and legs. Insert the hub plate, bolts and clock in their proper places and the clock is finished.

Half props can also be used in making clocks. The drawing shows one in which the base was attached to the hub section. The hub plate was cut in half and, with the prop belts, nickeled. A pendulum clock was then fitted to the blade so that there was sufficient clearance for the weights to move up and down and for the pendulum to swing. Cuckoo clocks can be used, but more time is required in making as the recess in the blade must be larger.

In another type of construction the blade was made into a bridge lamp. The first operation was boring a hole from the tip, through the blade to the hub for the wire. Next the hub was fitted with a heavy base to make the lamp more difficult to overturn. After running the wire through the blade and installing the light fixtures and shade, the lamp is ready for its final coat of varnish or lacquer.

If lamp or clock are made from one-half of the prop, the other half may be used for ash trays, and in addition another clock. In this clock a recess must be cut in the hub for the clock. The propeller bolts are nickeled. The top of the hub may be left as is, or it may be hollowed out to provide compartments for cigarettes, matches, or other articles. In case the compartments are made in the top, studs should be provided to hold the top in place, as shown in the drawing. The figures herewith show offset winding stems for the clocks.

Airplane Dopes Tested on Frames Exposed to Weather



Each frame in the above picture contains "doped" airplane fabric exposed to the weather for test.

IT IS only in recent years that fabrics have been tested for strength before and after doping. Dope is applied to tighten the fabric and in addition to make the airplane surface impervious to air. Many studies have been made of dope to secure the best obtainable. It must give the fabric a smooth finish, make it impenetrable to air, be tough enough to withstand the pelting of rain and be durable enough to last for over a year.

In order to determine the effect of service conditions on different dopes, small panels of airplane cloth are used. Each panel is covered with one, two or more coats of dope. The panels are then placed on racks where they will be exposed to varying weather conditions.

The panels may stay on the rack for a year or more. During that period they are exposed to the rays of the summer's sun, the blizzards, sleet and snow of winter and the fogs, rain and winds of spring. When the test period is over, it is quite easy to pick out the fabric which has been treated in the manner best suited for airplanes. The tests thus show not only the best kind of dope but also the number of coats which should be used.

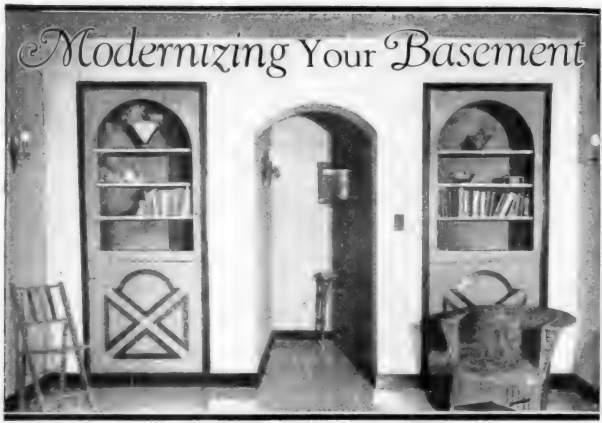
Vertical Slot Floodlights Take Glare Out of Pilot's Eyes When Landing

THE system of landing lights installed at the average airport makes it essential that planes land in one direction at night, regardless of wind direction. This is necessary on account of the beams from the flood lights, which blind aviators who endeavor to fly into the lights when landing.

Recently there has been developed a light which has none of these disadvantages. The beam is thrown out of the light through a vertical slot. This allows the light to cover a wide area horizontally but vertically the light band is limited by the height of the top of the slot. Above that there is no light or glare. Thus with the lights set a few feet above the ground, the aviator sitting in his plane is well above the blinding glare and can land directly into the beams.

Contrasting glare zones shown of two types of airfield lights.

Modernizing Your Basement



Who would believe that this was once the dingy entrance to an ordinary basement? The stairway leading from the first floor is concealed behind the arched doorway in the center foreground.

by **HELEN MARIE WALTER**

You can add an extra room to your home by fitting up the basement with building board walls and comfortable furniture. The cost is slight, considering the results, and the modernizing process is a simple one as explained in this article.

IN MID-SUMMER when the hot sun beats down on the outside playground it's a great comfort to have a cool retreat for the children. And in the winter when the thermometer hovers about and below the zero mark, and it's too cold for the children to brave the freezing winds, it's a pleasant thought to know that the children are having a rollicking time in a cozy playroom.

The problem of where to create this general utilities room is easily solved when one sees how really attractive the basement shown in the accompanying photographs has been made. Almost all the work was done by the home owners themselves. The room they had to work on was 14x26 feet in size and 8 feet high, with a small reception room at the base of the stairs. It in no way differed from the usual type of basement.

There is much to do to transform the basement, but there is great pleasure in doing it. First of all the foundation must be rendered water-proof. One excellent way is to paint the foundation with hot asphalt on the outside. Adding a little "water glass" to the concrete mortar will also make the walls quite water-proof. If the walls are already built and only dampness occurs, then a double coat of paint inside will usually help.

When the owners were quite sure that no dampness could invade the basement, they erected a framework of 2x4's spread one foot and four inches apart. Cane fiber board was then nailed to the framework as a foundation for plaster. The arrangement of the framework and the fiber board were so planned in this case as to obtain a novel design. The panels in the north wall were

Another view of the modernized basement. The windows are set in a false wall inside the actual basement wall, forming a shaft through which light filters from the real basement windows.

made by setting the studding on edge (4 inches thick) for the main portion and flatways, (2 inches thick) for the panels themselves. The idea, of course, can easily be varied in a place where different conditions prevail.

There is often some installation in a basement which is quite likely to detract greatly from the general effect if it is not carefully dressed up. A water meter, for instance, is usually set in a conspicuous place in the basement. An unusual stand or seat might be designed to fit over this in such a way that it would be completely hidden from view, but yet one could have easy access to the meter. The gay little seats built in the archways as shown in the pictures were originally planned just to cover the meter. A large pillar was erected to separate the seats, and a false wall was built about 14 inches out on either side to form a complete little arched alcove for the seats. The top of the seats are hinged on so that they can be easily lifted up. Besides concealing the meter, these box seats furnish sufficient store room for the children's toys.

A chance visit to a planing mill or to a site where a house is to be wrecked will be quite worth while to one who intends to dress up the basement. At the mill there are often odd pieces of framework or designs in wood lying about. These are often the incentive for a new-fashioned feature of the room. The distinctly new windows, for example, in the basement shown were obtained at the planing mill. The owner happened to see one of the casement frames and picked it up at a very low price. As his basement room had two windows, he ordered another frame built. The real basement windows were much too high for beauty, so a false wall was erected at the end of the basement where they appeared about ten inches from the original wall. The casement windows were then set in the new wall just below the original ones. The old wall was then covered with wall paper depicting outdoor scenery. The light comes down this shaft, brightens up the scenic background and filters through the curtains of lemon-colored net. Electric lights have been installed between the wall and window to give the appearance of light even at night and on dark days.

At this same planing mill some cupboard doors with a modernistic design carved in

This seat conceals a water meter. Toys are also stored beneath it.

them were found. A cupboard was accordingly built in either side of the entrance door. In harmony with the general scheme of the room, the tops of these cupboards are arched. Above are capacious book shelves which are open, and below, the doors cover more shelves for books and trinkets.

A trip to a house that was being razed was quite as profitable to this home owner, as had been the one to the planing mill. Here he picked up a little slate manteled fireplace which was ideal to place between the two windows. It cost him only five dollars to have put in because it was possible to use the chimney in common with the fireplace directly above it upstairs.

The color scheme carried out in the underground playroom should be one of warmth and beauty. The floor would be attractively covered with linoleum and kept well waxed, but in the case of this room the floor was smoothed down with a stone grinder and then painted with a deep cream-colored cement paint. This is most adaptable to waxing and provides a smooth floor. The walls and ceiling might be a warm cream or ivory. The color here was obtained by mixing the plaster with five pounds of ivory mineral color, giving it a rich appearance with a dull luster. Another coat of paint can be applied at any time.

In the planning of a color scheme for these downstairs rooms there is far greater play for originality than there is in the more formal upstairs. Here the bizarre and futuristic combinations are permissible and charming. A gallant array of colors against a grey background, or more subdued shades against walls of bronze with smartly patterned linoleum floors are ideas which may be worked out to proper advantage.

Close-up of one of the book-case alcoves. Venetian green with tangerine and black trim gives this alcove a striking appearance. Insert shows an appropriate style of electric light fixture for use on the walls. Several are used in the room.

National Forest CABIN SITES

This forest settlement has a total yearly rental of less than $100.

IF YOU have a secret "yen" for a snug log cabin beside a mountain stream or lake, just tell it to Uncle Sam. For a few dollars a year he'll gladly make your dreams of Paradise come true.

Under provisions of the forest law any citizen of the United States is entitled to building privileges in our national forests. Sites ranging from one to five acres may be leased upon request. For this privilege a nominal yearly rental, ranging from five to twenty-five dollars, is charged. Thirty years, however, is the longest period such a site can be enjoyed.

It is only necessary to write to the U. S. Forest Service, Washington, D. C.

This type of cabin may be built with the allowance of free logs.

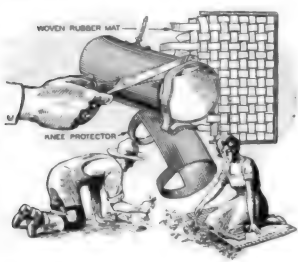
Uncle Sam will not permit the building of eye-sores in his forests. The type of cabin above has met with his approval.

HANDIKINKS

"Handikinks" are just what the name implies—handy little ideas which will save you time and money, or make some everyday job easier, or provide some simply built piece of equipment which will come in for daily use. You will be able to use the ideas on these pages to advantage.

Rubber Band Around Kettle Lid Speeds Cooking at High Altitudes

MOTOR tourists carrying portable cookstoves frequently experience difficulty in cooking foods in the mountains, owing to the lessened atmospheric pressure which reduces the temperature at which water boils. A familiar example of this is found in the fact that water boiling on Pike's Peak does not acquire sufficient heat to boil an egg. This condition can be remedied by sealing the lid of the cooking kettle with a wide rubber band, as shown in the drawing at the right. Steam generated by the boiling water is thus prevented from escaping and the pressure built up inside the kettle is increased, speeding up the cooking process. A suggestion which tourists have found valuable is that of pre-heating the campstove generator with a small chunk of canned heat, which is usually carried as part of the camp equipment. It yields a cleaner and hotter flame.—Dick Cole.



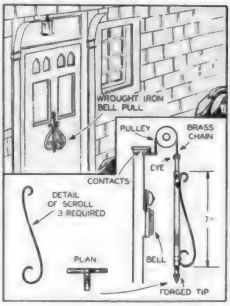
Garden Accessories from Old Tubes

A WOVEN rubber mat and a rubber knee protector, both useful garden accessories, can be made out of discarded inner tubes. For the mat, cut long strips of rubber about one inch wide from the tube, cutting it spirally. A number of these strips are then interwoven as shown at the left into a mat of any desired size. The knee protector is made from a section of tube about a foot long, from which a piece is removed as shown. This slips over the knees and protects them from stones and wet ground when kneeling.—Eugene Keyarts.

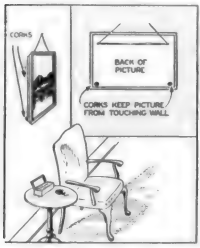
Ideas for the Household

Wrought Iron Electric Bell Pull for Door

THE usual round push button does not add much to the attractiveness of the ordinary door bell. A colonial style wrought iron bell pull, built after the style of the one at the right, will give a distinctive appearance to the door. The pull handle is of iron strips, made in accordance with the sketch. It is shaped from flat iron stock, available at any metal shop. Scrolls are easily bent with pliers. The chain is a simple copper one leading over a pulley to electric contacts, as indicated in the diagram. From the outside the bell pull has the appearance of operating a gong. The contacts consist of two metal buttons, the upper one stationary and the lower one movable in response to a pull from the chain.—G. A. Luers.

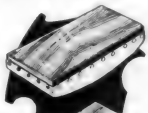


Cork Support for Picture Frames



EVERY picture in the house should be hung far enough away from the wall to prevent dirt and dust from settling behind it. This can be conveniently done by gluing a small cork on each of the lower corners of the picture. These hold the picture a short distance away from the wall so that there is no contact between the bottom of the frame and the wall paper. Thus, when the picture is taken down, there is no dirty streak to mark its bottom edge. The drawing at the left shows the arrangement.—Gordon Guy.

Quickly Made Shoe Shiner

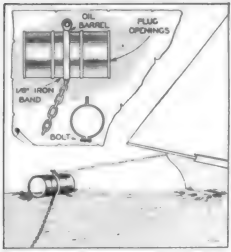


INSTEAD of searching for old cloths the next time you want to shine your shoes, take a few minutes to make yourself an efficient shiner like the one shown in the drawing at the right. Cut out a block of wood about 6 inches long, 2 inches wide, and three-quarters of an inch thick. Then from an old bath towel cut out half a dozen pieces size 2x6, and another piece half an inch all around. Place the smaller piece on the block and draw the covering taut, fastening it with tacks. A better grip can be obtained if the edges of the block are grooved.—Bud Collins.

Twisted Rice Paper Makes Excellent Pipe Cleaner

PIPE smokers in the Orient, particularly American and European residents, prefer pipe cleaners made of native rice paper to the manufactured article. These are made by twisting a strip of the paper about an inch wide into a tight cord, as shown at the left. The paper, being absorbent, cleans the pipe effectively when run through the stem. Tough tissue paper is a satisfactory substitute, and this type of cleaner is handy when none other is available in an emergency.—Floyd Orton.

Stunts for the Handy Man



Oil Barrel Makes Mooring Buoy for Boats

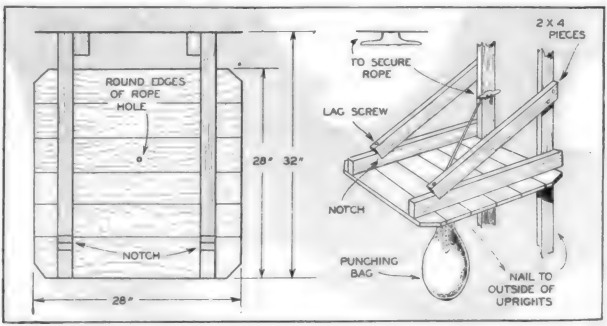
AN EMPTY steel drum of the type in which oil is usually sold makes an excellent mooring buoy for a boat. The anchor chain is attached to the oil barrel by means of an iron band which encircles it as shown in the drawing at the left. This strap is made in two half sections, bolted together at top and bottom after being twisted into shape to fit the barrel sides. The bottom end of the chain is anchored in a barrel filled with concrete, rocks, or any other type of anchor which is sufficiently heavy for the type of boat in question.—Gene Morley.

Razor Screw Driver

WHEN a safety razor is discarded, the knurled handle can be salvaged to make a small household screw driver by grinding off its end as shown in the drawing at the right. Often the metal of such a handle is too soft to make a tool that will withstand heavy usage. In this case the handle can be slotted to receive a small steel blade of the desired size, which is held firmly in place by soldering. The small size of the screwdriver makes it useful for close work.—Lester P. Young.

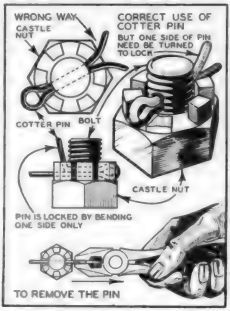
This Simple Punching Bag Platform Is Ideal for Installation in Garage

PUNCHING bags can be purchased cheaply, but platforms to hold them are somewhat expensive. The one shown below is cheaply constructed for installation in a garage, being mounted on the 2x4 uprights of the garage wall. Use nothing lighter than 2x4's for the platform frame, which can't be made too heavy. Use one-inch material for the striking surface. Attach these boards to the framework with flathead wood screws, countersunk. Sandpaper the edges of the rope hole to prevent chafing. Locate the platform just high enough on the wall to clear the top of your head.—Hi Sibley.



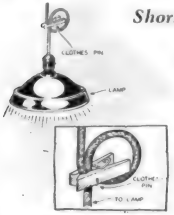
Workshop and Outdoor Kinks

Right Way to Fasten Cotter Pin in Lock Nut



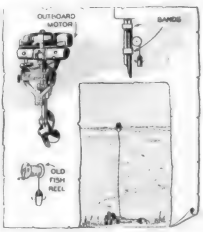
THE usual way of fastening the cotter pin in a lock nut is to insert it with the flat edges in a vertical plane, bending over both prongs. This secures the nut in place, but it also makes it unnecessarily difficult to remove. A better method is to insert the pin as shown in the drawing at the right, with the flat prongs parallel with the width of the nut. Thus it is only necessary to bend up one prong in order to lock the nut. To remove the pin, all that is necessary is to grasp the pin head with a pair of pliers after flattening down the prong between the jaws.—Normand Saunders.

Shortening a Lamp Cord



AN ORDINARY spring clothespin can be used to shorten a length of electric light cord which permits the lamp to hang down too far. Clamp the wire in the jaws of the pin as shown in the drawing at the left, bringing it around and up through the tail of the pin in the form of a loop. The tension of the pin is sufficient to hold a large sized lamp, and the cord can readily be lengthened if desired.—Joseph McCune.

Locating Lost Outboards



IF YOU want to be sure of finding your outboard motor if it should sink—as sometimes happens when obstructions are struck or the clamps loosen—attach an old fish reel along the drive shaft with wire, just as it is fastened to a fish rod. Attach forty feet of line to a bobbin with inverted hooks. When the motor sinks, the bobbin will rise to the surface of the lake, or near enough, in case of deep water, to be caught by a drag line. It is then a simple matter to attach a rope to the motor and haul it up.—Theo. Allen.

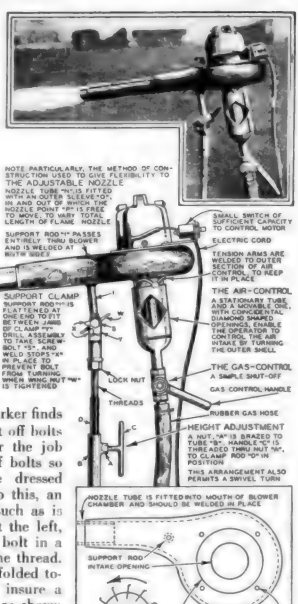
Wick in Teapot Makes Serviceable Light

A CONVENIENT light for certain types of night work can be easily assembled out of an old teapot. Insert in its spout a wick of twisted rope or cotton. Fill the pot with kerosene to cover the bottom of the wick. When the oil has saturated the wick, light the lamp at the spout. A smooth-burning flame which supplies considerable illumination is produced, and the lamp can easily be carried about from place to place. Condition of the teapot is of no importance except, of course, that if it contains any holes these must be well above the oil line to prevent leakage.—Alfred Allard.

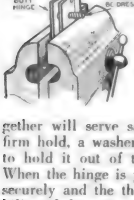
Blow Torch from Vacuum Sweeper

AN INGENIOUS Los Angeles mechanic has made a handy blow torch from parts of a discarded vacuum-sweeper. He has assembled the motor and turbine with a simple mixing chamber upon an adjustable standard. A large nozzle has been fitted, made from a section of steel tubing. The drawing at the right gives details of its construction.

The sleeve on the mixing chamber regulates the amount of air required through a diamond-shaped opening. The correct length of the nozzle determines the efficiency of the flame, and this is worked out by experiment. Note the electric cable and convenient switch; also gas control and adjustable standard. City gas is used.



Hinge Clamp Holds Bolt in Vise



OFTEN the shop worker finds it necessary to cut off bolts that are too long for the job in hand. The ends of bolts so shortened should be dressed down with a file. To do this, an auxiliary arrangement, such as is shown in the drawing at the left, is necessary to hold the bolt in a vise without damaging the thread. An ordinary butt hinge folded together will serve satisfactorily. In order to insure a firm hold, a washer is slipped over the bolt as shown to hold it out of the countersunk hole of the hinge. When the hinge is pinched in the vise the bolt is held securely and the threads are protected from all possibility of damage.—Lester P. Young.

Wind Vane Figure Beats Drum With Moving Arms

AN INGENIOUS weather vane containing the small figure of a man who beats a drum with his arms when the wind blows can be made after the design shown at the left. The drum used can be made out of metal, or perhaps you will have access to a small toy, one which can be made to suit. The arms of the figure are pivoted loosely and are cut to present rather a broad surface to the wind. Being placed as shown on the weather vane, the figure always has his back to the breeze. The vane point is of metal for counterbalance.

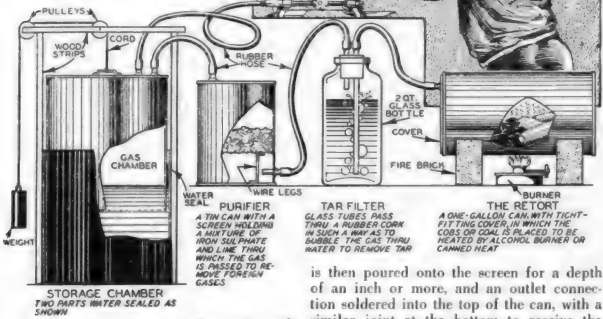
A Miniature Gas Plant

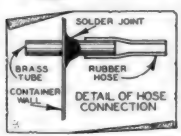
IF YOU happen to live outside the city and do not have access to local gas mains, you can nevertheless enjoy the use of gas-operated equipment by constructing the miniature gas plant pictured here. The amount of gas constantly "on tap" will depend on the size storage chamber built. Coal, corn cobs, or similar fuel is used as a source of the gas.

The drawing explains the elements of the gas plant clearly. A tin can of gallon size with a tight-fitting cover is used for the retort. As shown in one of the detail drawings, this retort is connected by means of a rubber hose to a water filter which removes any tar from the gas. This filter is simple, consisting of a jar three-quarters filled with water, through which the gas is forced, to escape through a second tube in the top into a purifier.

The purifier is made of a tin can in which a wire screen has been mounted on wire legs a couple of inches above its bottom. A mixture of iron sulphate and lime is then poured onto the screen for a depth of an inch or more, and an outlet connection soldered into the top of the can, with a similar joint at the bottom to receive the gas from the filter.

Next comes the construction of the storage chamber. This is made of two tin cans with their tops cut off, one can sliding inside the other, much like the large gas storage chambers used to keep gas under pressure in cities. Water is used as a seal to prevent imprisoned gases from escaping. The sliding top of the chamber is provided with a counterbalancing weight working over a series of pulleys on a wooden framework. This weight must weigh slightly less than the section of the can which it moves, in order that the gas, when it enters the chamber from the purifier, will be able to push the top section up by its own expansive force. The gas is thus kept under a slight pressure which will force it through the take-off tube. Fuel from which the gas is produced is heated by an alcohol or canned heat burner. Experiment will show how much fuel is necessary.





Showing parts of simple home-built gas plant which will provide an adequate supply of gas from coal, corn cobs, and similar fuels.

Making PHOTOS as

With this gigantic enlarging camera, the department of agriculture photographic experts produce immense photos for farm lectures.

WHEN Uncle Sam does anything he generally does it on a grand scale. And at the photographic bureau of the Department of Agriculture he carries out these well established principles by turning out photos that are as big as billboards.

These photos when completed are distributed throughout the country to the various agriculture schools and to special agriculture classes carried on for the benefit of farmers who wish to acquaint themselves with the latest developments in the science of farming. With one of the immense photos before them it is much easier for a lecturer to instruct his class in the qualities and nature of the diseases of farm animals, and the points to look for in selecting breeded stock.

At the photographic bureau in Washington, where the work of producing the gigantic photos is carried on, there is a staff of experts at work developing and printing the billboard photos for distribution to the schools. The chief feature of the photo laboratory is the mammoth enlarging machine shown at the top of the page. An ordinary negative is inserted in the enlarger and projected on the sensitive enlarging plate. Such a process is the equivalent of making a gigantic snapshot.

After the shot is made, the photo experts take the paper into the laboratory for developing. This process is much the same as the making of an ordinary print, save that the work is carried out on a larger scale. In the laboratory the prints are placed in large tanks filled with the developing fluid, which brings out the picture. This work requires expert handling, as the least slip or error in the mixing of the developer will result in a poor picture.

The completed photos are often of such size that they are built up in sections, much as the sections are pasted up to make a complete billboard sign. When this is necessary only part of the photo is made and printed at one time. Later a mosaic of the entire photo is laid out.

The photos are then ready for distribution. Among them are included photos of cattle of all kinds, cattle inflicted with all kinds of diseases, and in all conditions of

Big as BILLBOARDS

The small negatives are projected for enlargement against the enlarging paper, as shown above.

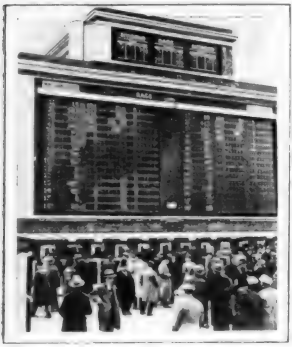
The mammoth prints are developed in this immense tank.

health. Not only are cattle photos made but also hogs, chickens, sheep and all kinds of farm animals.

The visual demonstrations made possible by these photos serve to enlighten students more adequately on the nature of cattle diseases and defects. Better cattle breeding is naturally the ambition of all progressive and scientific farmers. With one of these photos a scientific lecturer with a pointer can accomplish wonders in the way of instructing farmers.

Sometimes the photos are so large that they must be built up in sections to form the completed picture. Expert knowledge is required for this work.

New Giant Electric Totalizer Used at English Race Track



The exact odds on each horse are always posted.

THIS giant electric totalizer, recently installed at the Newmarket race track, is operated entirely by electricity and is said to be the finest achievement the world has yet seen in this field. The machine will handle the bets on forty-five horses in any one race and will immediately post the chances in odds and the total amounts bet on each horse no matter how rapidly such bets are placed.

Various booths are located in front of the totalizer building. These booths are marked with the denomination of the bet to be received and whether bets received are for "win," "place" or "show." The backer announces his horse and the clerk presses a button which issues a printed ticket while at the same time recording the transaction at once on the totalizer board.

The ticket issuing machines are miniature printing presses and are electrically wired to the auditing machines which are fool and fraud proof. Three auditing machines are provided for each horse, one for each position on which bets are paid. The betting is closed immediately the horses reach the post and the backers are able to see immediately, exactly the amount they will receive on their tickets.

Smallest Gasoline-Driven Motor

WHAT is believed to be the smallest perfect working model of a four-cylinder gasoline driven automobile motor was recently completed by a student at the University of Illinois after five years of work. The model was made entirely by hand and develops ¼ horsepower with a 3/4-inch bore and one-inch stroke. The engine will run for several hours on one quart of gasoline contained in the tiny tank.

This motor develops ¼ horsepower with a ¾" bore and 1" stroke.

Electric Iron Freshens Old Ties

The iron is hollow, with a heating coil in the blade. It is equipped with an insulated handle.

A QUICK and modern way for keeping neckwear looking fresh and new is furnished by this electric tie iron which has recently been placed on the market. The device is light and compact, the heating coil being placed in the almost knife-like blade. The cord may be attached to any socket.

To use the device, the cravat is moistened with a cloth or sponge, the iron is heated until it steams when touched with a moistened cloth and is then inserted in the tie, care being taken to keep the lining straight. The face of the tie is then stroked lightly with a moistened cloth, smoothing the tie and bringing up the nap.

English Tea Room in Historic Old Tree Attracts Diners

IN THE days of highwaymen the old tree at Cobham on the London-Portsmouth road in England, was probably often used as a hiding place. Nowadays, however, the tree serves a more useful and pacific purpose, and is used as a tea room by many tourists every year, as shown in the photo at the right. The tea-table, which stands in the hollowed out trunk of the oak, is approached by means of a stairway which is built into the side of the tree. During the summer there is often lively competition among customers to be allowed to use this original tea room.

This unique English tea room seats eight people.

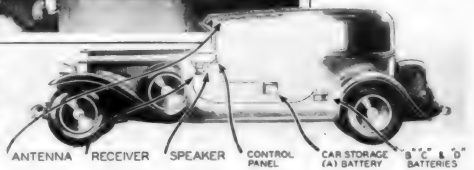
Criminals Identified by Teeth

USE of teeth instead of finger prints for the identification of criminals has recently been advocated by an eminent Vienna criminologist. The finger tips, he points out, are likely to be injured or destroyed by accident, or obscured when a person is drowned or exposed to weather. Teeth, however, do not suffer from such accidents, and like finger prints, it is virtually impossible for any two sets of teeth to be alike.

Radio Equipment for Autos Brings Broadcast Programs to Motorists

RADIO, it seems, is destined to be installed in everything that flies, runs on wheels, or floats on water. The fast moving auto is the latest vehicle to be invaded by radio's onward march.

Equipment has recently been placed on the market for installation in automobiles. As shown in the photo below, the control dials are installed on the dashboard, while the apparatus occupies a small space up under the cowl. The location of the loud speaker is optional, the space under the cowl being preferable. The antenna is ordinarily strung up in the roof, but many cars are equipped with built-in and invisible antennas, especially in the de luxe models of expensive makes.



A special dashboard control panel adjusts the receiver, which is placed to the front with the loud speaker, as shown. The compact antenna can be located in roof or built in.

GIANT JUNKERS AIR LINER

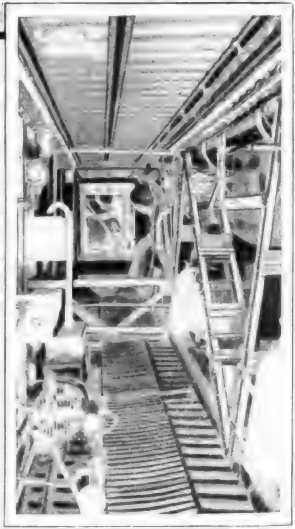
The mammoth plane levelling off for a landing.

FOLLOWING closely on the heels of the successful flights of the giant Dornier "DO-X" comes the announcement that Professor Junkers, the seventy-year-old German pioneer airplane builder of Dessau, has made highly pleasing test flights with his "Goliath G-38."

Although not a true "flying wing," the Junkers monoplane has adopted many of its features in order to cut down parasite resistance. The four engines have been placed in the leading edge of the single unbraced wing while the fuselage is extremely small for a plane of this size, being not much more than a strut to hold the tail assembly after the trailing edge of the wing has been passed.

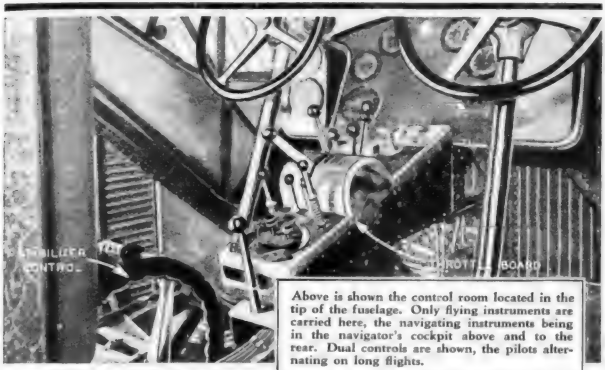
The four Junkers engines, developing 2400 horsepower, lift a flying weight of 48,000 pounds, of which eleven tons are pay load. Used for passenger transportation only, the plane will carry 40 passengers on a non-stop flight of 3,000 miles, making the crossing of the Atlantic with a paying load entirely within the bounds of reason.

The pilot's control room is located in the extreme tip of the fuselage, while directly behind and above is the commander's room, connected to all parts of the ship by phone and equipped with the latest navigating instruments.

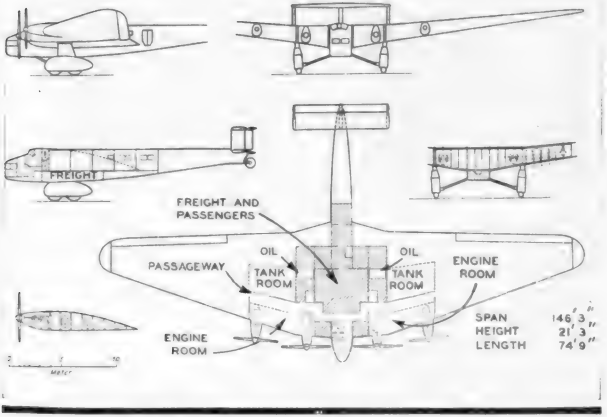


The engine-room passageways, showing the corrugated metal construction of the wings and internal bracing. Note the gas tanks at right.

Designed for OCEAN TRADE



Above is shown the control room located in the tip of the fuselage. Only flying instruments are carried here, the navigating instruments being in the navigator's cockpit above and to the rear. Dual controls are shown, the pilots alternating on long flights.



Detailed construction of the giant transport is shown in the above drawings. The passengers' observation compartment is located in the leading edge of the wing, while sleeping and living facilities are provided behind. Gasoline tanks behind the wing passageways are so constructed that the fuel may be dumped in case of emergency. Large compartments are provided for freight and baggage.

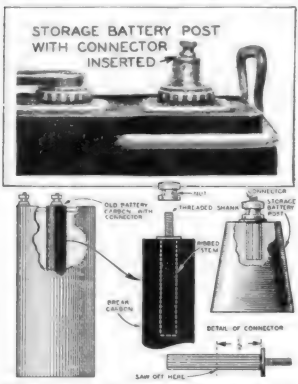
SPARKS from the RADIO EDITOR

Edited by L. B. ROBBINS

This month marks the beginning of the radio season. After the summer lull it will feel good to start the signals rolling in again from distant points. Mr. Robbins offers in this issue a few practical hints for caring for your apparatus and plans for building radio equipment at much less expense than if purchased ready-made.

Dry Cell Connectors Fit Automobile Battery for Radio Use

MANY times owners of battery operated radio sets want to reduce expenses by making their automobile battery serve for both the car and the radio. Car battery terminals, however, are not suitable for the connection of wires from the radio set. Here, as shown in the drawing and photo below, is a simple way that convenient connectors can be attached to the battery terminals. Such connectors will provide an excellent grip, and will not interfere with the cable clamps of the car.



With the dry cell connector inserted in hole bored in storage battery post, as shown, the cable clamps of car can be slipped over easily.

First pull the carbon out of an old door bell dry cell, as shown in the drawing at the left. Then draw the connector from the carbon and saw off about half of the ribbed stem. Next drill a small hole vertically down the middle of the storage battery post of a size that will make a tight fit for the connector shank. Now drive the shank down the hole, using lead as a protector, so that the metal will not be ruined by the hammer blows. The connection should be greased with vaseline to prevent corrosion.

Air at 200 Miles Rare as in Tube

IF YOU could attain an altitude of about two hundred miles in an airplane you might be able to get some idea as to the rarity of air in the vacuum tube that you use in your radio receiving set. At this height where the atmospheric pressure is next to nothing at all, the rarity of the air is about equal to the rarity of the air in the vacuum tube. The machines which exhaust the air from these tubes at the factory must be built with exceptional strength to withstand the pressures involved.

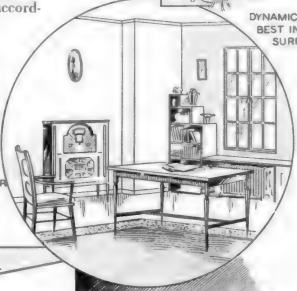
The loud explosion which occurs when you burst a radio tube gives some idea of the utter emptiness within.

Shift Position of Your Loud Speaker for Better Music

THERE is a little game you can play some evening with your radio loud speaker and, if you win, your reward will be better reproduction of music. The name of the game is "Shift the Speaker," and the rules are those which apply to the physical science of sound. As the name implies, the game consists simply in moving the loud-speaker from one position to another in the room till you find the one that gives clear-est reproduction.

A speaker of any kind, for the most satisfactory results, should be placed at ear level, according to Dr. Dayton Miller of Cleveland, well known authority on acoustics. Another precaution is that of providing a suitable reflecting surface for the sound. The ideal position for a speaker, as shown in the drawings, is a hole in the wall, with the edges of the horn flush with the wall. If a separate speaker is used, a position in a corner formed by the intersection of two walls, which serve as baffle boards, will prove an efficient one.

DYNAMIC TYPE SPEAKER SERVES BEST IN ROOM WITH PADDED SURFACES (GOOD)



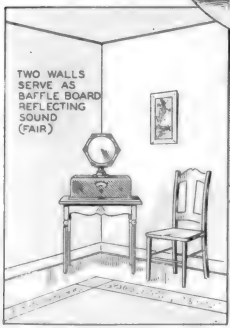
MAGNETIC TYPE SPEAKER BEST IN ROOM WITH BARE, HARD SURFACES (GOOD)

Room furnishings also have a lot to do with the quality of music emitted from your loud speaker. Fortunately most rooms strike a happy medium, having about the right combination of padded and hard surface.

However, care should be taken not to have a room too barely furnished, so that there are large unbroken walls which produce maximum resonance effects and cause distorting echoes. In such a room, a loud speaker of the dynamic type which emphasizes the bass notes will eliminate some of the distortion.

On the other hand it is not advisable to have the room overfurnished; that is, there should not be too much padded, or "dead" surface, such as that caused by rugs, draperies, and overstuffed furniture. In such a room there is a total absence of reflection, and music in a room with non-echoing walls is a most unpleasant thing to hear.

The situation here can be remedied by the use of a magnetic type of speaker.



TWO WALLS SERVE AS BAFFLE BOARD REFLECTING SOUND (FAIR)

SPEAKER FLUSH WITH WALL IS IDEAL POSITION FOR CLEAR REPRODUCTION (BEST)

Take These Precautions in Caring for Storage Batteries

THERE are such vast differences between the common acid type storage battery and the Edison alkaline type that users in caring for them often make serious mistakes through ignorance of these differences. One of the most common mistakes is made when the alkaline battery is tested with a hydrometer that has just previously been used with an acid battery. This will often prove disastrous to the alkaline battery, as the introduction of the least bit of acid will ruin the electrolyte of the Edison cell.

Always use a clean hydrometer when testing Edison cells. For best operation, the specific gravity should be kept at 1250. This applies whether the battery be charged or discharged. To determine the voltage, use nothing but a voltmeter. Hydrometer readings mean nothing in this respect.

The great advantage of alkaline batteries is that the elements will last almost indefinitely. The battery solution, however, must be changed about once a year. The only care required for normal upkeep is the occasional addition of distilled water and a little mineral oil to prevent evaporation.

Acid or lead batteries, however, distintegrate after a few years' use and need rebuilding. This task requires the knowledge of a battery expert; no layman can safely perform the job without running a chance of ruining the cells. When in use, the terminals of the lead battery should be greased with vaseline to prevent poor connections caused by corrosion.

As a source of filament power, the alkaline battery will serve best, as it is better adapted to conditions where the current drain is small but continuous. Where sudden and heavy charges of current are required, the heavy duty lead acid type battery serves best.

This Easily Made Rectifier Materially Cuts the Cost of Battery Upkeep

LUGGING a heavy storage battery to the nearest service station for recharging is a burdensome task for the car owner or radio fan who operates a receiver which utilizes a storage battery as a source of filament power. All this can be eliminated, however, by spending a few hours in the electrical shop constructing a simple vibrating rectifier, such as shown here. Such a charger is very efficient and will pay for itself in a short time.

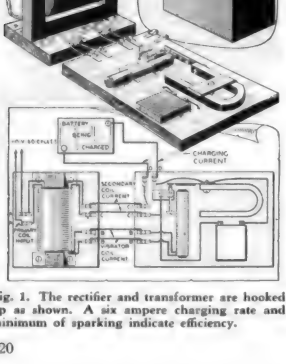


Fig. 1. The rectifier and transformer are hooked up as shown. A six ampere charging rate and minimum of sparking indicate efficiency.

The 110 volt alternating current must be stepped down through the transformer shown in fig. 3, which delivers two voltages, one for charging purposes, the other for actuating the vibrator. The transformer is built up of pieces of transformer core iron, or of ordinary sheet iron that has been shellacked on one side. Holes are bored in the ends to admit the bolts which clamp together the completed core. The dimensions and method of assembly are given in figure 3.

It is best to assemble the part of the core around which the coils are wound first. This core is wrapped with four thicknesses of wrapping paper soaked in shellac and fibre ends placed in position shown to prevent spreading of the wire. Over the paper is wound the primary coil, which is composed of 600 turns of 20 D.C.C. wire. The leads are brought out at the ends and soldered to the Fahnestock clips. Over this winding is wrapped four layers of friction tape for insulation. Next 85 turns of No. 14 D.C.C. magnet wire, which constitute the secondary, are wound on, and friction tape applied as before. Finally the outer, or vibrator current coil is wound on. 25 turns of No. 24 D.C.C. serves the purpose here. The leads are brought out the ends, soldered

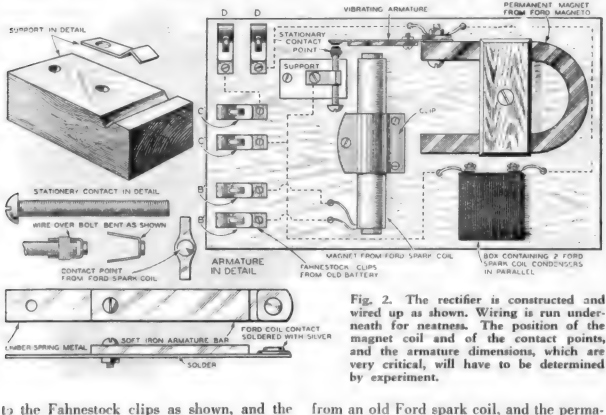


Fig. 2. The rectifier is constructed and wired up as shown. Wiring is run underneath for neatness. The position of the magnet coil and of the contact points, and the armature dimensions, which are very critical, will have to be determined by experiment.

to the Fahnestock clips as shown, and the entire coil neatly wrapped with black friction tape.

This finished, the rest of the core is assembled and bolted together. The completed unit is mounted with braces as illustrated.

The vibrator unit shown in figure 2 is the most important part of the charger, and success depends largely upon its proper adjustment. To construct it, secure first the magnet, or primary coil, and the condenser from an old Ford spark coil, and the permanent magnet from an old Ford magneto. Fasten these to the base board as shown. Secure next a piece of limber spring metal and a piece of soft iron and bolt and solder them together to form the vibrating armature. This armature is bolted to the bottom of the permanent magnet. Different sizes, weights, and lengths of the iron and spring will have to be tried out before the correct balance is found.

Contact points cut from the vibrator of an old Ford spark coil form the contact points for this charger. The stationary contact is wired on as shown, and the armature contact is soldered on by heating the metals red hot and soldering with silver solder, using borax and water as flux.

When the transformer and rectifier units are completed they are hooked up as shown in figure 1. Some experimentation is now necessary. The polarity of the charging current terminals is determined by immersing wires from them in salt water. Bubbles will be produced at the negative wire. This wire goes to the negative of the battery, the other to the positive.

An ammeter should be placed in the circuit as an aid to operation. The position of contact points and vibrator magnet, and armature length must be adjusted.

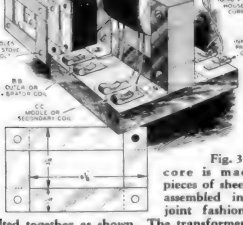


Fig. 3. The core is made of pieces of sheet iron assembled in butt joint fashion and bolted together as shown. The transformer coils can be wound on a lathe and slipped over the core.

How to PRESERVE YOUR

A closeup of a tree attacked by rot fungi. A limb had been sawed off years ago and the wound was improperly treated, resulting in this decay.

At the right the tree surgeon has outlined the cavity. Notice the holes where he has bored deep into the trunk to determine the extent of decay. Also notice the shape of the cavity — how the sides are cut parallel to the sap flow and how the ends are pointed to make possible rapid healing after the cavity is filled.

A TREE will fight heroically for its life, even against great odds, but it must often have the help of man. This is particularly true when the tree is attacked by heart rot fungi, the enemy which eats insidiously into trunk and limbs, destroying the solid wood and leaving behind a porous, rotten mass which can be crumbled in the hand and powdered into dust.

The tree has no chance to repel heart rot fungi unaided. That is because these fungi concentrate their attack upon the heart-wood, the tissues of which have become inactive and can no longer fight back. Once lodged in the heart-wood the fungi penetrate deeper and deeper, spreading in all directions. Eventually the tree is so eaten away that it becomes nothing but a hollow shell. A slight gale and it goes over.

There is something fascinating in the way the tree surgeon cuts open the cavity, cleans out the rotten wood, kills the remaining fungi with a powerful disinfectant, and then puts in concrete filling which restores the tree's strength and prevents reinfection. The steps are pictured here.

The tree surgeon, in fighting the fungi, has certain definite things to accomplish. He must get rid of all trace of the fungi. He must replace, as far as possible, the mechanical support lost because of the decay. He

The bark having been removed from the face of the cavity the surgeon is now ready to remove the decayed wood. By boring holes along the edges with a power drill the work is facilitated.

Injured TREES

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must provide a surface over which healing can occur. He must protect the tree from reinfection.

Before treating a decay cavity, the tree surgeon makes a complete diagnosis to determine the exact extent of decay and the tree's general condition. Sometimes its vitality is so low that it would be money wasted to make cavity fillings. In such cases, the tree is given plenty of food and water, and if it responds satisfactorily, the decay is attacked.

If the tree surgeon finds that the tree's vitality is good, he proceeds to determine the extent of the cavity. Holes are bored deep into the wood above and below the points of infection. The cavity opening must be made large enough to remove all decayed and infected woods and its size can be determined only by the boring tests.

At the left the concrete filling is being installed in sections, each section separated by a layer of joint material. These sections function in much the same way as the vertebrae of a person's backbone, providing strength yet yielding to twisting and bending. At the right is shown the completed job. Rot fungi and decay has been stopped and the tree's structural strength has been restored. Eventually the filling will be entirely concealed by bark which will grow from both sides.

After cleaning out the rotton wood, steel rods are installed to bind the walls together. These rods serve the same purpose as the beams of a house and are essential if the cavity is large.

After determining the extent of decay, he proceeds to outline the cavity opening. The bark is removed with sharp chisels and the surgeon must make sure that at the edges of the cavity, the bark is left undisturbed. If it is sprung loose from the tree, it invariably dies back, prevents healing, and exposes the tree to reinfection.

The shape of the cavity opening is determined by the course of the sap flow, the sides of the cavity being made as nearly parallel to the flow as possible. This per-

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An AIRPLANE Swing

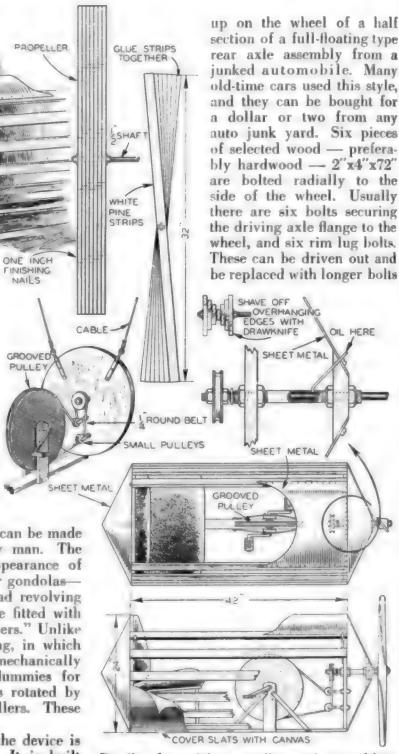
Children will get endless hours of fun out of this airplane swing, run by pedal-driven propellers. Any handy man can build one out of inexpensive junked auto parts and a few lengths of pipe.

Covering the gondola body.

OF ALL the sensational "rides" at an up-to-date amusement park, perhaps none is more thrilling than an airplane swing. It affords many of the sensations of actually flying, but without any danger. There is no case on record where a passenger has been seriously injured in an airplane swing. So, while it may look spectacular to see the cars of the swing whirling over people's heads, the hazardous element is lacking in a strongly constructed swing.

A home-made airplane swing can be made at a small cost by any handy man. The drawing shows the general appearance of the finished swing. Six cars—or gondolas—are suspended from the overhead revolving frame. Only three gondolas are fitted with propellers; the others are "trailers." Unlike the usual amusement park swing, in which the overhead frame is turned mechanically and the propellers are only dummies for effect, this home-made swing is rotated by the direct action of the propellers. These can be operated with pedals.

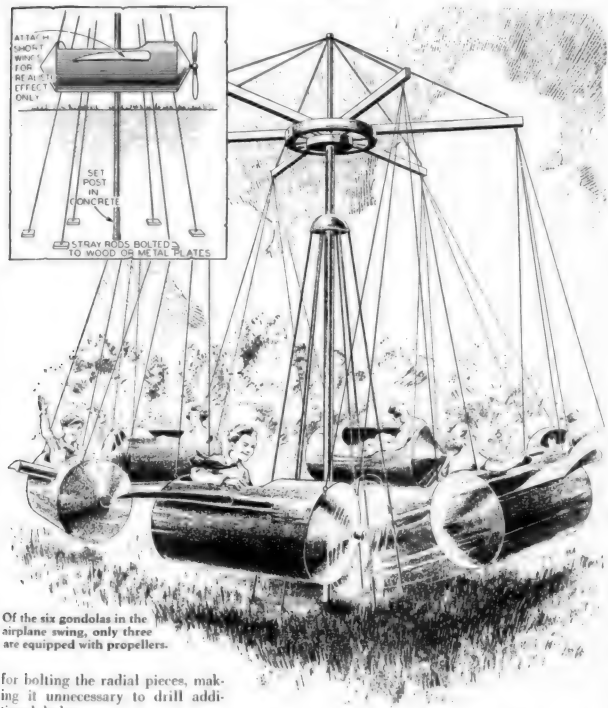
The most important part of the device is the overhead revolving frame. It is built up on the wheel of a half section of a full-floating type rear axle assembly from a junked automobile. Many old-time cars used this style, and they can be bought for a dollar or two from any auto junk yard. Six pieces of selected wood — preferably hardwood — 2"x4"x72" are bolted radially to the side of the wheel. Usually there are six bolts securing the driving axle flange to the wheel, and six rim lug bolts. These can be driven out and be replaced with longer bolts



Details of gondola, propeller, and gear drive.

for the Back Yard

by DICK COLE



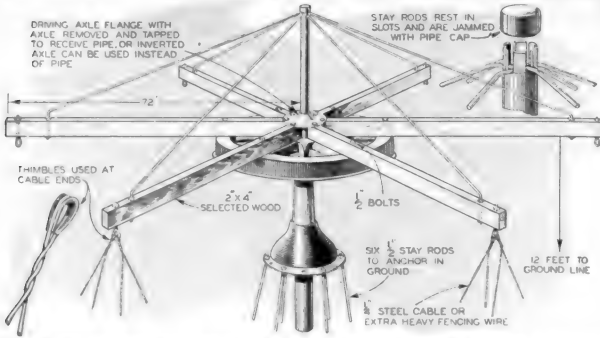
Of the six gondolas in the airplane swing, only three are equipped with propellers.

for bolting the radial pieces, making it unnecessary to drill additional holes.

The radial pieces should be strengthened with stay-rods as shown. In the drawing, a length of pipe is used to support the stay-rods at the middle, but in many cases the driving axle itself can be reversed and will serve the purpose even better.

At the end of each radial piece is a substantial eyebolt to which the swing cables are attached. Quarter-inch steel cable is recommended, but heavy fencing wire will serve. The cable or wire should pass around cable thimbles to prevent chafing. It is obvious that the thimbles will have to be spread open slightly to be placed within the eyebolts. Afterward they are closed again, and the cable or wire put in the

Overhead Revolving Frame Is Built From an Auto Rear Axle Assembly



Showing how the wheel and a half-section of a full-floating type rear axle assembly is used as a base for the overhead revolving frame. The six swing supports are made of selected hardwood.

thimble groove and twisted a few times. The free ends of the cable should be left about 11 feet long for attaching to the swing gondolas.

After the overhead assembly is complete, it is rigidly attached to one end of a 15-ft. length of 2½-inch iron pipe. The method of doing this depends upon the axle housing design. Sometimes the pipe can be inserted into the housing and be bolted or brazed. Whatever method is employed, it must be absolutely solid. The other end of the pipe is now set firmly in the ground. It is suggested that a floor plate be used on the end of the pipe to prevent it settling. Stay-rods are also necessary. It is well to set the pipe and the rods in concrete, but if sunk deeply in firm soil, and tamped with rocks, sufficient solidity can be had.

Next come the swing cars, or gondolas. The drawing suggests a design which will prove satisfactory. Of course the builder can make gondolas that more closely resemble airplanes if he desires to, but the one illustrated offers the all-essential factor—safety. The sketch makes the construction obvious. The most important point is the bearing for the propeller shaft. The shaft must be oiled freely.

The propeller shaft is of ½-inch cold-rolled steel threaded at one end to receive the propeller, and at the other end to receive a small, grooved pulley.

The pedaling gear is not shown in detail in the drawing. Its construction depends upon the material and facilities one has at hand. Two wooden disks about 18 inches in diameter can be beveled on one edge and then be bolted together to form a satisfactory pulley. Or a bicycle or velocipede wheel, with tires removed, can be used for the driving pulley. The gear ratio should be such that the propeller can be turned about 750 r.p.m. with comfortable pedaling. Leather belting ⅜ inch round, is used for transmission. The sketch shows how this passes around the pulleys.

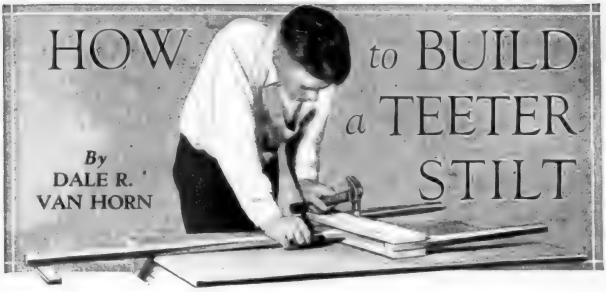
The construction of a suitable propeller may seem like a rather difficult job to many. Yet an efficient propeller can be made very simply as shown. Instead of being cut from a solid block, this prop is built up of slats—laminated, as it were. Not only does this method result in a very strong propeller, but it also has inherent balance and uniform pitch. The center holes of the slats should be so small that the propeller shaft must be screwed into them, and afterward be locked between two nuts and large washers. Glue on the threads will make the attachment even more rigid.

The propeller illustrated is intended to be foot operated at 750 r.p.m.

We now have an airplane swing. If built according to directions, there is no danger of its collapsing.

HOW to BUILD a TEETER STILT

By DALE R. VAN HORN



HERE'S something new in the way of a sport device. It is dubbed a teeter stilt, which is a rather apt description. Built like a huge, two-tined fork, you mount it just as you would a pair of stilts and then progress along (providing you keep your balance) by teetering from one side to the other. This is done by means of the hands on the handles and also by an easy body movement. But to use the teeter stilt well calls for some practice.

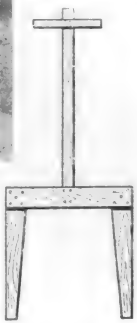
There is no particular danger in learning to use it as if you tip forward, either foot can be slipped off the stilt and set down upon the ground; while if the improper balance is to the rear, one steps down in the same way. In a short time you will be able to teeter along on sidewalks or the road with perfect ease and no small sense of accomplishment. Its use is excellent for training of mind and muscle coordination, and after a short bit of practicing you will be surprised at the ease of this novel form of locomotion.

Only six pieces of wood—pieces which are probably already lying about the shop—are needed. Most of them, however, should be of tough lumber, or hardwood. You will need the following:

1—1"x1½"x3'-6" for upright
1—¾"x1½"x1'-4" for hand grip
2—¾"x3¾"x2'-2" for foot supports
2—⅞"x2"x⅞"x3"x2'-0" for tapered legs. (Lengths can vary.)

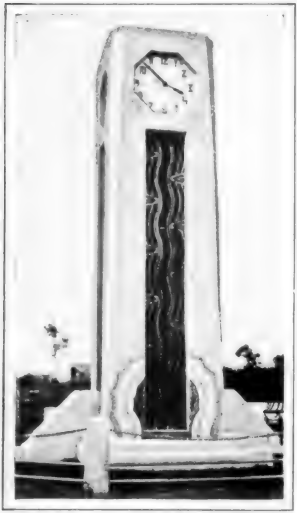
The parts are cut and assembled as shown with nails and screws. Before nailing, apply a good grade of glue to all adjacent joint surfaces to prevent "give" and increase strength.

Oak is a good wood to use throughout, particularly for the legs, handles, and handle support. The cross piece to which the legs and upright are attached can be of fir or pine. Use of screws instead of nails results in a sturdier construction job.



Variations in the height of handles and length of legs will naturally be dependent on the stature of the stilt operator. Drawing at right gives front and side view of stilt, showing proportions clearly.

Mexico Ornamental Kiosks for Broadcasting in Parks



Monumental towers such as that above provide radio programs to listeners in Mexico City parks.

STRIKINGLY beautiful evidence of the popularity of radio is found in the public loud speakers housed in imposing kiosks, located in residential parks in Mexico City. The structure is of reinforced concrete and topped by a four-face clock.

Set in each of the four sides is a longitudinal panel of ornamental grill work behind which the loud-speaking apparatus is installed. It stands approximately 20 feet high and affords entertainment to thousands who gather at stated hours to listen to concerts from their own broadcasting stations and also from United States, Canada and South American cities. The kiosk stands on a slight rise and is protected by a chain fence. Outside this barrier is a circle of concrete seats. The latter accommodate only a small part of the audiences, however.

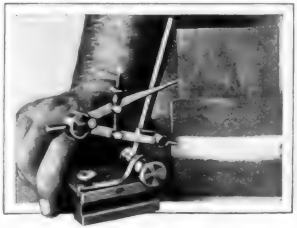
Radio Tube Makes Iron Holder

A HANDY soldering iron holder can be made from the base of a burnt-out radio tube. The glass bulb is broken off and the edges ground or filed smooth. The base is turned up-side-down on the bench so that the soldering iron can be laid on the prongs. The base requires only a small space on the bench and the iron can be placed on it from almost any position.

Base of an old radio tube holds soldering iron.

Doubling Surface Gauge Uses

EVERY mechanic does not possess two surface gauges, yet there are times when a couple of these tools would be mighty handy. Frank Moore, up in Hamilton, Canada, discovered recently a simple way to make one gauge do the work of two and presents the idea in the accompanying photo. A glance will show that the kink consists in removing the scriber and inserting in its place one leg of a pair of spring dividers. The leg that is held in the gauge is set by using the adjusting screw on the surface gauge while the other leg is set by means of the nut on the dividers. Thus two lines of different heights can be laid off at the same setting.



Spring divider is set for surface gauging.

Combination Stool and Dryer Saves Steps for Housewife

AN EXTREMELY convenient and serviceable device to have around the kitchen or wash house is the combination clothes dryer and kitchen stool, shown at the right. It serves ordinarily as a stool, but when it is desired to utilize it as dryer, the metal rods are pulled up through the holes in the seat and locked in place so that they stand out horizontally. When not in use the rods in no way interfere with the comfort of the seat.

The stool is made of metal, with a wide spread of the legs to prevent tipping. Many tiresome steps can be saved by the use of this stool-dryer, and much-needed space can often be conserved.

Metal rods are pulled up through seat of stool to form dryer arms.

Device Transfers Air Fuel Safely

Fuel is transferred from supply plane with this device by maneuvering automatic nozzle into v-shaped arm on wings of receiving plane.

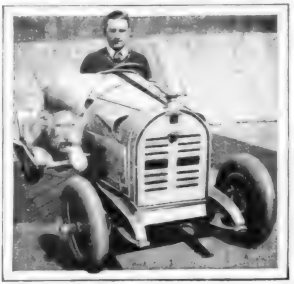
DANGERS of transferring gasoline from one plane to another while in flight are practically eliminated by the use of the invention for that purpose, shown in the photo above. The fuel transferring device consists of two separate units—one for each plane. The supply plane carries on a special reel a supply hose with a nozzle that operates automatically upon contact with the receiving plane's tank.

The receiving plane unit consists of a v-shaped arm into which the supply plane maneuvers the nozzle. An automatic clamp fastens the nozzle in place when contact is made, and also connects a telephone cord on the hose, permitting the two pilots to give and receive directions while in flight.

In the future the air liner need not load itself with fuel, but can pick it up en route.

Auto Racer Carries Pet Lion

IN ORDER to carry his pet baby lion around with him while motoring about town, a prominent San Francisco sportsman built a special side car device on his runabout, as shown in the photo below. The lion has been trained to "stay put."

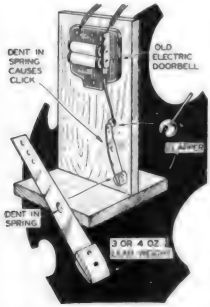


AMATEUR ELECTRICIAN

Edited by
THEODORE ALLEN

Electricity enthusiasts can save a surprising amount of money and unnecessary labor by applying their ingenuity to the construction of electrical appliances used in everyday life. This month, Mr. Allen, widely known electrical expert, presents plans for the inexpensive construction of devices that are both interesting to make and serviceable.

Old Door Bell Serves as Mechanism for This Metronome

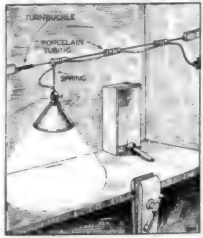


THE ordinary metronome used in timing music runs by clockwork and must be wound up every so often. With a simple door bell and an alarm clock spring about 12 inches long, however, you can make a very efficient metronome that will run continuously by merely turning on a switch as shown in the drawing at the left.

A slot is first cut in the clapper of the bell, and a hole bored through to admit the bolt which holds the pendulum. The pendulum is made of the length of alarm clock spring, which is dented in the middle by a blow from a hammer. This causes it to click as it swings. At the end a lead weight is attached to give the slow swinging motion.

The timing of the swing is adjusted by screwing the vibrator contact in or out and by lengthening or shortening the spring pendulum. These adjustments are easily made after you have done a little experimenting.

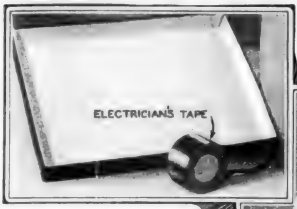
Workbench Light



ALTHOUGH nothing is more important than good lighting, the average handicraftsman's workbench is ordinarily lighted very poorly. A simple and efficient lighting system may be rigged up by following the drawing at right. Three or four porcelain tubes are slid over a wire whose ends are attached to joists by means of screw eyes. This wire may be held taut by inserting a turnbuckle at one end of the line.

Next tape lampcord to the porcelain tubes in loops that are long enough to permit the light to slide to the end opposite the outlet. The lamp may be adjusted to any desired height by hooking a coil spring over the tube supporting the light. Taking up or letting out loops in the wire adjusts the height.

Novel Picture Frame Uses Battery to Illuminate Photo



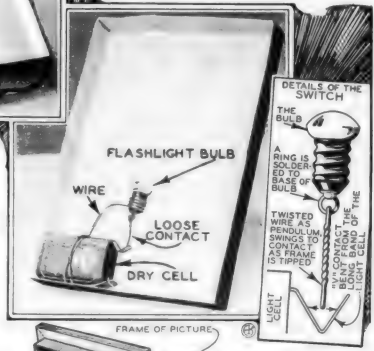
Photos above and at right show how background of frame and electrical connections are made.

AN attractive novelty picture frame which illuminates the subject when it is picked up from a table can be made as shown in the diagrams herewith. An ordinary picture frame is used and the photograph cut to fit. The picture is held up to a light and the portion to be illuminated marked in pencil on the back. Vaseline is then rubbed thoroughly over this area until it becomes translucent.

Next, cut and bend a piece of heavy cardboard to form a tray just fitting the rear of the picture frame. Outline the edges of the tray with black tape, as illustrated, to strengthen it. One side of a small flat flashlight battery is connected to a flashlight bulb. A small copper ring is soldered to the bottom connection of the bulb and from this is hung a short length of copper wire, which dangles down and almost touches the other battery contact, which is bent in a V-shape as shown.

This lighting unit is installed in the tray so that the bulb will come just behind the translucent part of the picture when assembled. The picture and tray are then placed in the frame and a piece of cardboard fastened at the rear for an easel support.

It will easily be seen that as long as the frame is in a level position the light inside will be disconnected. However, if it should be disturbed in the slightest degree, such as moving or lifting it from the table, the loose wire hanging from the bulb will complete the circuit with the battery and throw a brilliant light through the picture. When replaced in its original position on the table the light will go out.



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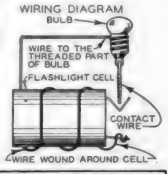
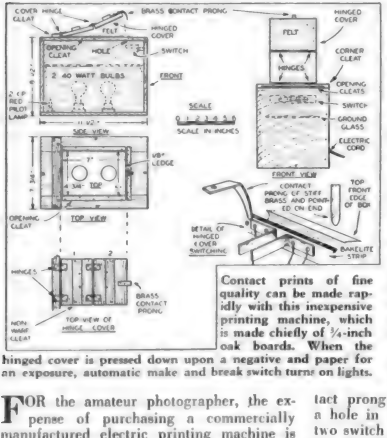


At right is the completed photograph in its frame. When picked up from the table the light bulb flashes behind the girl's face, illuminating it. Diagrams above show how this effect is produced.

Home-Made Electric Printer Makes Fine Quality Photos



Contact prints of fine quality can be made rapidly with this inexpensive printing machine, which is made chiefly of ¼-inch oak boards. When the hinged cover is pressed down upon a negative and paper for an exposure, automatic make and break switch turns on lights.

FOR the amateur photographer, the expense of purchasing a commercially manufactured electric printing machine is often prohibitive, and he must blunder along doing his printing in a more or less haphazard manner. However, by the utilization of ordinary material usually found around the workbench a printing machine can be made that is every bit as efficient and speedy as a manufactured one—and at a cost not much more than that of the lights and sockets.

Such a home-made printing machine is shown in the drawing at the top of the page. It is made wholly of oak boards, and turns out contact prints of as good a quality as those of a manufactured printer. The box is built according to the dimensions shown from boards ¾-inch thick, and painted inside with a coat of flat white for illumination.

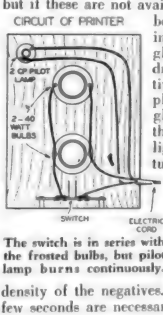
The top is constructed of four pieces of similar wood, and cut to leave a rectangular opening 6¾ inches long by 4¾ inches wide about the center. Beading ¼ inch high is then nailed around the opening, leaving a ledge of the top projecting ⅛ inch wide all around. Thus the measurement inside the beading is 5x7 inches, the size of the standard 5x7 plate. A piece of clear 5x7-inch glass is fitted in the opening, and is supported by the ledge.

A hinged cover is next made for this 5x7 opening by cutting out a piece of ¾-inch stock 5x7 inches with the grain running the long way. This piece is cut in half, forming two pieces, each 5x3½ inches, which are hinged together. Wooden cleats can be screwed on across the grain to prevent warping.

On the underside of the cover a coat of hot, thick glue is spread and on it is stretched a piece of thick felt which is trimmed to size with a razor blade. Hinge one of the halves of the cover to a piece of ⅞-inch stock screwed to the top near the opening as shown, so that the felt pads will rest firmly and evenly against the sheet of glass on the ledge.

The make and break switch device is shown in the diagram. It consists of a stiff brass contact prong shaped as shown which enters a hole in the top and makes contact with two switch prongs inside the box, thus closing the circuit and turning on the lights. The contact springs are mounted on bakelite strips, and should be so arranged that contact is made just as the felt touches the glass.

The printer is wired as shown in the diagram at the bottom of the page. The orange or yellow pilot lamp burns continuously. Frosted bulbs are used ordinarily, but if these are not available, the light may be diffused by inserting a piece of ground glass as shown in the drawing above. Negatives are exposed by placing them on the glass and closing down the hinged cover. The light is automatically turned on, and when the cover is lifted it is turned off. Proper timing will have to be determined by experiment. This will depend upon the density of the negatives. Ordinarily only a few seconds are necessary for the exposure.



The switch is in series with the frosted bulbs, but pilot lamp burns continuously.

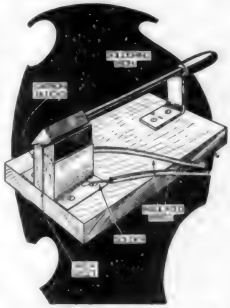
Soldering Irons Heated Quickly With This Novel Device

A HANDY electrical device which will heat the ordinary soldering iron to the desired temperature in about one-third the time required by a gasoline torch, and at a much smaller cost, can be easily made in a short time with a few pieces of scrap material.

On a block of hardwood about 8 inches long and 4 inches wide mount two pieces of 2" by 2½" sheet iron bent at right angles as shown in the drawing at the right. These are placed about 1½ inches apart, and between them are placed two carbon blocks separated by a piece of mica as shown in the drawing. This carbon trough supports the head of the iron. At the rear of the board is mounted a piece of strap iron with a V-shaped end which supports the handle of the iron.

Next two wires are soldered to the metal carbon supports. With half of a heating element resistance hooked in series with one side of the line, these two wires are run to the 110-volt house current, or to the secondary of a ten to one step-down transformer.

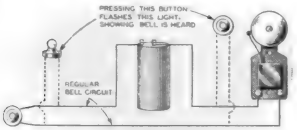
To heat the iron simply lay it in the trough formed carbon blocks. The heat generated by the resistance of the poor connection between the iron and the carbon quickly heats the iron. When the iron is removed the circuit is broken again.



When the soldering iron is laid in the carbon trough, it is quickly heated from the heat generated by the resistance of the poor connection.

A Reply Signal for Bell Circuit

IN USING the bell circuit shown below you cannot always be sure that the party on the other end hears you. However, by the addition of the light and the other push button this circumstance can be eliminated.



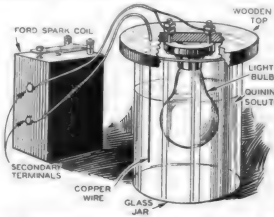
With the addition of extra push button and light you can signal back that bell is heard.

Strong Flashlight for Dark Spaces

A CONVENIENT lighting device for anyone working in dark places and needing a strong light can be made by following the drawing at the left. The bicycle lamp is attached to the battery with a long flexible cord.

This Geissler Tube Glows Weirdly

IF YOU have any necessity to create some weird lighting effects in stage or window decoration, you can do the stunt strikingly with an old Ford spark coil and an ordinary light bulb. The bulb is submerged in a jar of water into which a capsule of quinine has been shaken, and the terminals of the bulb connected to one terminal of the coil. A copper wire which is connected to the other terminal of the coil is also immersed in the solution. Such an arrangement will glow weirdly when the current is turned on. Four dry cells or a storage battery will suffice to operate the Ford spark coil.



The light bulb immersed in quinine solution glows weirdly when current from coil is turned on.

Grain Elevator Dust and Corn Starch Drive Ford Motor

With but minor changes, W. A. Noel, Washington research engineer, has succeeded in running a Ford motor on dust and corn starch.

FLOOR sweepings from a grain elevator and corn starch can run a Ford motor, according to recent experimentations. With the carburetor removed, a metal tube was connected from the intake manifold to a chamber equipped with a small fan and re-circulating pipes. Here the air current kept the dust in suspension. Check valves in the tube protected against backfire.

The ignition system, induction coil and dry cells were replaced by the regular Ford distributor and a lamp bank of six amperes using 100 volts direct current. The manifolds were removed and the dust fed by hand into the intake valve port. The explosions were regular and frequent. W. A. Noel, Washington research engineer, made the tests.

Racket Idea Saves Restringing

ACTIVE production has been started on a tennis racket that embodies several new and interesting features. The strings can be tightened or loosened at will. The mechanism of the device is contained in the handle and a simple twist is all that is needed to operate it. The object of the new racket is to solve the greatest practical problem of tennis—how to prevent strings from breaking when the racket is not in use. By loosening the strings, shrinkage due to humidity will not strain and break the gut. The balance is not affected by the device in any way.

Fibre reinforces the rim of these new tennis rackets.

Invents Hourmeter to Time Hops

THROUGH an electrical contact attached to the landing gear, the recently invented hourmeter timing device records trip and total flying time the moment the plane leaves the ground. The same contact stops the clock when the landing is made. Spreading and contracting of the landing gear actuates the electrical circuit. Current is supplied by two dry cells, or from the ship's battery.

Aeronautical experts declare that this instrument will fill in one of the gaps of aviation.

Current from dry batteries operates the new hourmeter which records trip and total flying time.

"Cross-Eyed" Headlights Throw Beam Around Corner

HEADLIGHTS for your auto that brighten the corner before you get there have been put on the market by a well-known German firm. These "cross-eyed" lights are so synchronized with the steering gear that when the car is turned the outside light swings in the same direction, thus immediately illuminating the new route, and reducing the risk of an accident at the corner.

In the meantime the light on the inside of the turn points straight ahead, lighting up the road directly ahead. In addition to better illuminating the road, the swinging light will warn motorists approaching the turn from the opposite direction.

The outer light illuminates the new route while the inner lamp shines directly ahead of the car.

Loud Noise Disturbs Digestion

MR. E. L. SMITH, of Colgate University, has recently conducted experiments to determine the stomach's reaction to loud noise. Small balloons connected to a registering apparatus and placed in the subjects' stomachs revealed that loud noises caused the stomach muscles to either contract or relax. In either case, however, the momentary interruption of the digestive function was followed by increased muscular activity.

Parking Space on Downtown Roof Solves Montreal's Traffic Problem

IN MONTREAL, as in most of the larger cities, "Where to park?" has become the question of the hour—whether the hour be day or night. This recently constructed four-story building, with a specially reenforced roof, special elevators and interior driveway, partially solves the problem by supplying parking space for 100 cars.

Elevators link street-level arcade to this reenforced roof which has a capacity of one hundred cars.

The Georgias Special is a slightly larger monoplane than we have run before.

The Design of the GEORGIAS SPECIAL

Here's a ship that is larger than usual, but which will perform well with a Lawrence Hickman conversion with two-throw crankshaft.

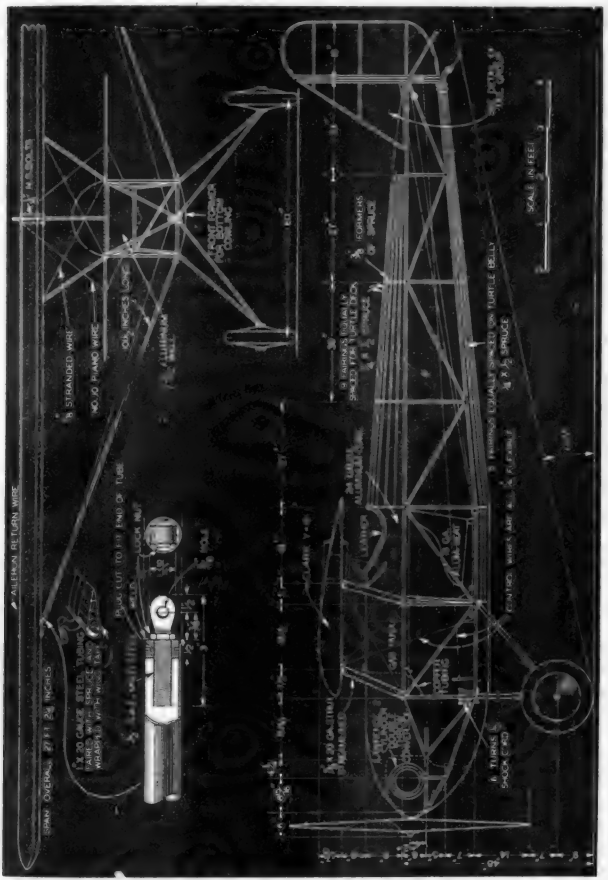
by **ORVILLE HICKMAN**

WELL, here we are boys—with something a little advanced. I expect that you have been waiting for some time for this kind of a plane to build; all steel but the wings, and they are of the conventional wood type.

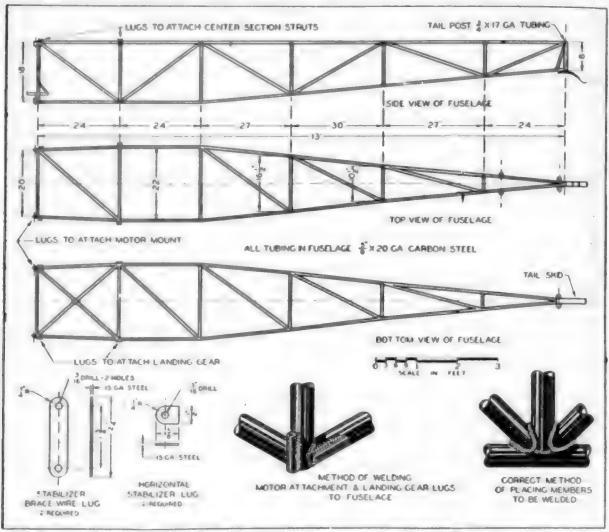
The first thing we will start on is the fuselage. It is rather simple when we know how to go about it. First get your tubing that you are going to use for the longerons and then lay a plan of the side of the ship out on some level surface, preferably a wooden table so that you can drive nails around your outline to lay the tubing into. This work of laying out the fuselage side on the table must be very carefully done or our good intentions are defeated before we get very far. After we get the side laid out we put the pieces of tubing into the outline that we have made and cut the vertical and diagonal pieces to fit. All joints must fit closely and neatly, otherwise we will have to use an undue amount of welding rod to get the holes filled up. This does not make as strong joint.

When all of the pieces are laid, get a welding outfit and if you are not a good welder get some one who is and just "spot" the joints all together with the welding rod —not too much—then make the other side. It is the same so you can use the same jig. After you have completed the second side take out the side and draw another diagram of the top of the ship on the table and drive your nails in. Place the two sides on that outline, with the top longeron down and the vertical sides perpendicular to the table. Be sure that these sides are straight up and down. The best way to assure that is to use a carpenter's square. After plumbness is determined cut your pieces to fit horizontally and tack them to the sides with a torch. Also put in the cross bracing on the top and bottom and the internal diagon-

Profile and Front Elevation Show Pretty Ship of Steel Construction



From these drawings one makes the full size drawing for the layout so the fuselage can be welded.



Here is a more specific drawing than the one on the preceding page. It shows the side, top and bottom layouts for the fuselage members. Note the manner in which the lugs are welded on.

als and all other bracing that the plans call for.

Now the fuselage is ready to take out and weld. The best plan to do this is to weld one bay at a time going around the fuselage laterally a joint at a time. You will find this method the best, having the least amount of warping.

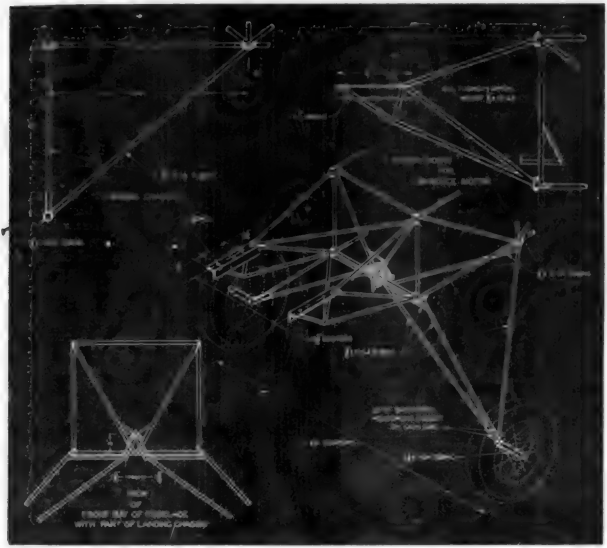
After this operation is complete cut all of your fittings that go on the fuselage and then weld them on in their respective places. motor mount lugs, landing chassis lugs, and so forth.

Special care must be used here for all things must have the exact measurement. Otherwise the parts that fit these lugs will not go on if "out" any. After the fuselage is all welded and the lugs welded on, then give it a painting of lionoil, which protects it from rust.

Empennage

The next thing is to build the empennage, which is a rather simple procedure. First thing to do is to get the outline laid out on the same table that we used to lay out our fuselage, and cut the tubing to fit and spot this the same as you did the fuselage. Take out the spotted framework and weld up. When you have all of the empennage welded, put the control horns on to the elevators and rudder in their respective places, making sure that they are exactly in line.

You will find that the empennage will warp considerably in the part that the light tubing is used, but with a little careful checking and lining up by hand, bending cold (for there is only slight bending to be done) you will get a perfect job. But let me tell you here that there is a little

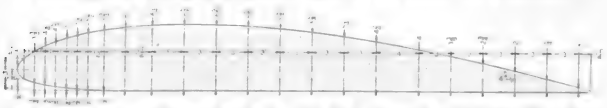


The Cessna type undercarriage is one of the most simple types of landing gear to build, as well as being the easiest of the split types to keep on a ship. The drawing will give you a good idea of how the motor mount is lined up.

trick to heating a steel tube in the proper place to get the right results. That is, heat the tube on the side that the bend is to a dull red. At first this actually increases the bend but when the tubing cools off you will find that it has assumed an angle opposite to the original bend and almost invariably comes out exactly straight.

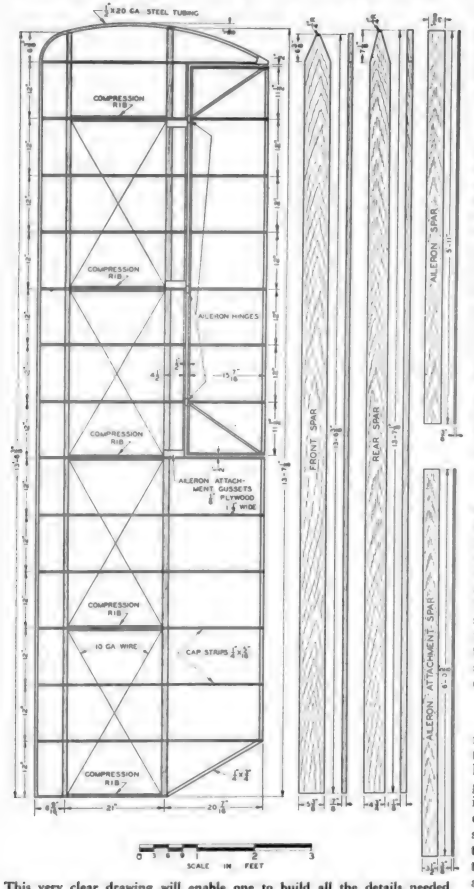
In handling small gauge tubing extreme care must be used not to get this metal too hot and burn the tubing because it is a very easy thing to do and, of course, might cause disastrous results after the ship is flying.

The best way to tell if the weld is good is as follows: the weld must be good, clean metal, looking as though new metal had been placed there. A poor weld has a sand effect on the outside, or is very scaly. If



Here is the accurate, scaled layout chart for the Clark Y-15 wing used on this ship. These dimensions are taken from the full sized ship and are accurate within close practical limits.

Here Is Complete Drawing for the Wing and Spars



This very clear drawing will enable one to build all the details needed for a successful wing panel. Note the method of aileron placing.

any of these faults show up it is always best to throw that piece away and build a new piece. It will cost more, it is true, but nevertheless it is always best.

Fittings

This work is also another very important part of the work. All fittings are designed to be cut out of sheet steel and not more than one bend must be made in these fittings before they are used on the ship. The wing fittings should be installed upon the spars before the ribs are slipped on. Extreme care should be taken in cutting and boring the holes, for these fittings are a very vital part of the airplane.

Landing Gear Lugs

These lugs are made of three-eighths by sixteen gauge steel tubing. They are welded on the lower longeron at the first and second bay of the fuselage and are securely welded to the longeron in line to the landing gear struts and in reference to the longeron.

Motor Mount

The lugs for the mount are welded to the front end of the longeron and for greater safety are reinforced with a piece of 16 gauge sheet steel passed around the lug and welded to the horizontal tube and the longeron. This mount need not

Powered With a Lawrence Engine, This Pretty Little Ship Flies Nicely

STANDING BY THE TAIL OF A TWELVE-PASSENGER MONOPLANE, THE RAKISH LITTLE GEORGIAS SPECIAL PRESENTS A STARTLING CONTRAST IN SIZES.

In action the Georgias Special is reminiscent of the new Boeing high wing fighter. It flies strongly with the Lawrence, providing the motor is turning up properly, and the standard Lang prop is used.

WING STRUT ATT LUGS ON LOWER LONGERON 12 APART 30 DAYS FROM ENGINE MOUNT
13 GA 8 REQD
CENTER SECTION SPAR FITTING
16 GA 8 REQD
SCREWS
2 BOLTS
WING SPAR CONNECTION AT CENTER
WING STRUT SPAR FITTING
15 GA 8 REQD
HOLES
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WASHER WELD ON
BOLTS
HINGE PIN
CLEVIS BOLTS FOR HINGE
PLYWOOD
RIVETS
RIVETS
AILERON HORN 13 GA STEEL
PLYWOOD GUSSET
ALUMINUM TRAILING EDGE
FRONT SPAR
AILERON PULLEY ARRANGEMENT
BOLT LONG
PULLEY
PINS
20 GA STEEL
LOCATE PEDALS TO FIT LEG LENGTH
FLOOR BOARD
CLAMPS BOLTED TO FLOOR
CONTROL STICK ASSEMBLY 22 GA TUBES
FLEX CABLE
BEND UP
WING DRIFT STRUT FITTING 15 GA X 16 REQD
16 GA
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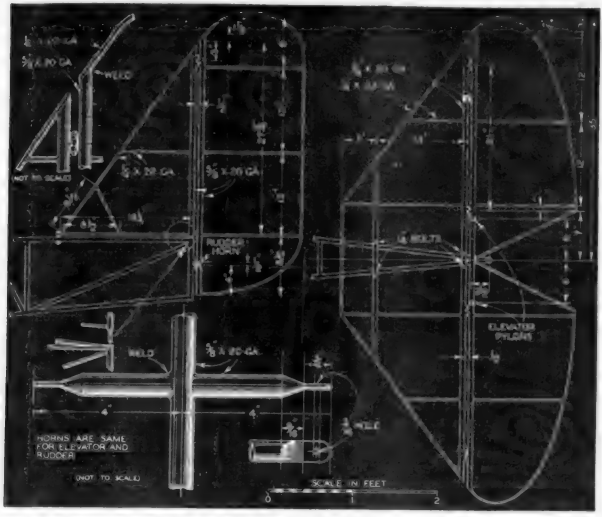
REAR STRUT REVERSE
BOLT
MOTOR MOUNT ATT LUG 16 GA STEEL

Here Is a Blueprint of the Tail Group, Showing Complete Details



Orville Hickman, author of this article, tells how to manipulate the fine tubing so that it will not bend or warp. Notice how the horns are made. Simple, eh?

be made demountable unless the builder likes, but in case you do want it this way, cut out the straps which fit over the ends that are to be supporting tubes of the mount and drill the correct size holes; then the mount is bolted to the lugs that were welded there for same. Next lay out the mount on the table and spot it as you did the other metal work, then place each respective half on their respective places and block up and get lined up and spot the cross bracing in place after all of the members are placed in. Then weld up the mount.

Tail Skid

This part of the ship is a small spring that can most generally be secured in a junk yard where there are some old buggies to pick from, but if not procurable there, make one from spring steel 3/16"x1¼" shaped as shown and placed at the extreme rear part of the lower longerons. The skid is secured to the longerons by two ¼" N.S. bolts.

Instrument Board

This is made from a piece of plywood ¼" thick and cut to fit under the cowling. The form should first be secured by cutting a paper pattern, and then using that to cut the correct form on the plywood. Next, the exact size of the holes for the instruments can be cut by an expansion wood bit. The cowling is clamped by small aluminum clips to the vertical and to the horizontal tubing the same way.

Fuselage Fairing

On the side of the fuselage the fuselage fairing is secured by drilling a small ⅛" hole opposite each tubing that the fairing passes and wrapping heavy cord through

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Fire Hazard Shown as Greatest Risk in Rocket Flight

Although the tail of the Espenlaub rocket plane was covered with asbestos, the intense heat from the rockets set it on fire.

HANS ESPENLAUB, the well known German pilot, who has been conducting experiments in the use of rockets for propelling airplanes independently of his countryman, Fritz Von Opel, missed death by a narrow margin when his first rocket plane caught fire on its initial flight.

Espenlaub's plane took off from the ground by being towed behind a motor-driven ship. When he had reached a height of 135 feet he cut loose and exploded his first rockets, which hurled the plane almost vertically several hundred feet through the air. Although his tail assembly was covered with asbestos it caught fire from the tremendous heat of the rockets, forcing the pilot to glide rapidly to a forced landing. In spite of this misfortune the plane demonstrated that rockets may be used for propulsion when a few more "bugs" have been ironed out.

Meter Registers Light Intensity

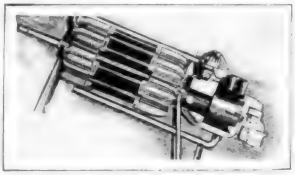
WESTINGHOUSE engineers have recently perfected a light intensity meter which removes photographic lighting from guesswork to an exact science. The new photometer is of the same value to the camera man as the slide rule to the engineer, and insures quick reading of light by a yard-stick method as simple as the volt meter determines electrical energy.

One of the moving picture directors advises that while filming one of the latest features he was checking the light reflected from an actor's face and the meter picked up the change in illumination caused by this man lighting a cigarette.

Sensitive photo electric cell picks up light intensity and causes it to be registered on meter dial.

Aero Engine of Radial Design

SOME of the most revolutionary features of aero engine design have been embodied in this radial air-cooled Franklin aircraft engine which produces 400 horsepower with a total weight of only 375 pounds, including starter and generator.



Although but eighteen inches in diameter, this radial air-cooled engine develops 400 horsepower.

The motor itself has a diameter of only eighteen inches, while the exhaust pipe brings its total frontal area to less than two feet diameter as compared with sixty inches of other radial motors of the same power.

New Auto Salesroom Built in Tiers Displays 300 Cars

THE latest innovation in the automobile selling business comes from Paris, where a distinctly unique salesroom has been built that enables the salesman to display from one point all the automobiles that he has for sale. The entire salesroom is built in five tiers, as shown in the photo at the right, in the form of balconies, on which about 300 cars can be exhibited. The tiers are built of reinforced concrete with metal skeletons, and the entire showroom is decorated in cream with black pillars supporting the balconies. The whole structure gives an impression of lightness and immense height.

From any point in salesroom all cars are visible. The cars are Citroens, known as the French Ford.

Booze Foe Image Opens Bottles

Corked or capped bottles opened with this device.

THE inventor of the combination bottle opener and cork screw, "Old Snifty," shown in the photo at the left, must have had a strong sense of humor, for he puts the image of the advocates of prohibition to work at setting the much-hated joy-water to flowing. The nutcracker chin and nose form the bottle opener, while the cork puller projects from the rear. The whole device is made of metal.

Running Water Keeps Milk Cool

A BARREL milk cooler which uses running water instead of ice as the cooling agent is used by a dairyman in Muncie, Indiana, for storage of milk waiting for the morning milk truck. The milk can is placed in the water-tight barrel.

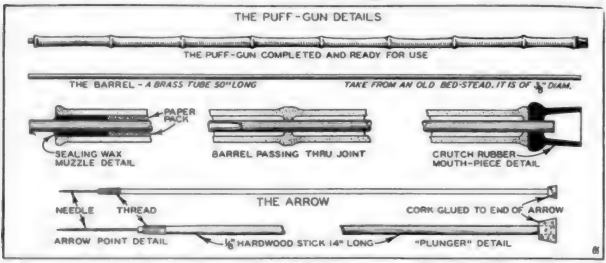
Running hydrant water through barrel cools milk.

Paddle Wheel Canoe Run by Foot

SOMETHING unique in the line of water sports equipment is the side wheel canoe, shown in the photo at the right, an invention of Charles Robinson, a member of a New York canoe club. The "Clermont 2nd" is powered by foot pedals geared to the paddle wheels and develops as high as 15 h.p. A speed of 4 m.p.h. can be attained by a strong-limbed engineer, who also serves as navigator.

Foot pedals power this canoe side-wheeler.

Make Yourself a Set of Real Hopi Indian Puff-Guns



A few simple tools and attention to these few details are all you need to make this interesting gun.

With a little practice you can blow arrows through this gun into a five-inch circle at 10 paces. Wholly aside from the amusement and skill, it strengthens lungs and chest muscles. The arrow flies swiftly and has a surprisingly flat trajectory. Drop in 50 feet is usually less than 6 inches.

GET a straight piece of bamboo about 1¼ inches in diameter and 4 feet long. Each end should be cut through a joint and the ends filed smooth and square. An old brass bedstead will furnish a piece of tubing 50 inches long. If a seam runs down the side so that air escapes, solder it up. If you run into difficulties, you can get a piece of seamless tubing from a light fixture house for a few cents.

Heat one end of the tube and burn a hole through the joints and run the tube through the bamboo so that each end protrudes a little. Next pack paper about the tube from the second joint half way to the muzzle end. This can be done with a wire. While in an upright position pour melted sealing wax (not paraffin) about the pipe on top of the paper until the space has been filled. This is shown in the muzzle detail. The wax holds the tube securely in place and will not soften under ordinary temperatures.

Carefully make a hole through the exact center of the solid end of a crutch rubber just a little smaller than the tube.

Put the rubbers in position as shown in the mouth piece detail. Place your hand over the muzzle end and blow. If there is no leakage, your gun is ready. As a last precaution, squint through the barrel and see if it is straight. A gradual curve can be remedied by removing the wax, sliding the tube out and bending it until the center is about 1-inch off center. Care should be taken not to kink the tube. With the bend of the tube reversed to the bend in the bamboo one should neutralize the other.

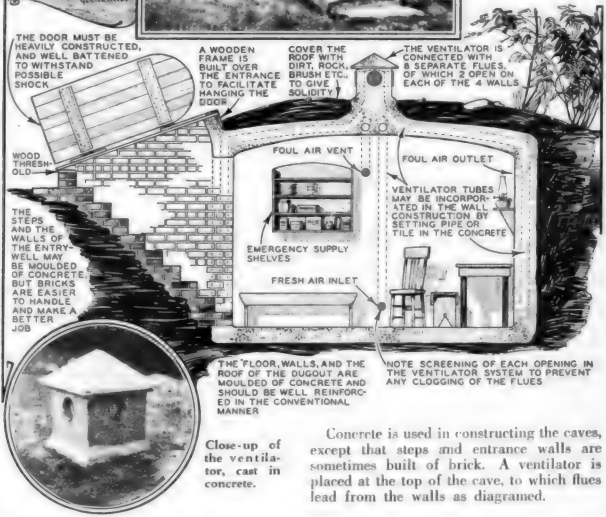
For arrows, use thin round hardwood sticks not over ⅛-inch in diameter, 14 inches long. In some cases, dried cat tail stems will do though they will usually have a bend in them.

Thick, short needles are used for points. Heat them hot and let them cool slowly to remove the temper and prevent breakage. Later heat the eye end and push it into one end of a shaft. This should set in about ¾-inch. When the hole has been burned deep enough, remove the needle, let it cool, then smear it with good liquid glue and tap back in place. Wrap with a number of turns of thread after the front end of the stick has been dressed down with sandpaper to the shape shown. If the thread is rubbed with glue, the ends will not come loose. Thread prevents the end from splitting. The other end of the arrow is provided with a small piece of cork. These corks must be shaped by hand. They should be not over ¼-inch thick with the front end about ¼-inch in diameter and the rear end a little larger—in fact just small enough to pass into the brass tube without rubbing so that a light puff of air will send it through the barrel quickly

Construction of Storm Caves Is a Profitable Profession

LOOKING around for a standardized construction job on which he could specialize, a Nebraska mason hit upon the idea of building underground storm caves for the protection of school children in his section of the Mid-West, where tornadoes are frequent. The drawings show the type of cave he has standardized on, and which has been the foundation for a profitable business. He has built more than 1400 of these caves, finding them not only useful for tornado protection, but popular among farmers as storage pits for vegetables and similar farm products.

Entrance to the storm cave is well shown in these photos, the one at the left also showing a view of the top ventilator.



Close-up of the ventilator, cast in concrete.

Concrete is used in constructing the caves, except that steps and entrance walls are sometimes built of brick. A ventilator is placed at the top of the cave, to which flues lead from the walls as diagramed.

HOME WORKBENCH

Edited by

A. NEELY HALL

As author of such well-known books as "Carpentry and Mechanics for Boys," "Outdoor Boy Craftsmen," etc., Mr. Hall is nationally known as an authority on handicraft subjects. This department appears here regularly each month.

Outboard Motors Make Stationary Engines, Drive Cars

OLD types of outboard motors, too heavy to drive present-day boats, can be converted into stationary engines or applied as power sources for pushmobiles. The power head of such motors is usually in good condition; all you have to do is scrap the under water parts. You can use the muffler just as it is by turning it half a revolution when the motor is used vertically, but an adapter for the intake valve will be needed, as shown, it being necessary to get a 90 degree turn to the intake. To do this, whittle out a little pattern and make a small core for it.

A new base, shaped from sheet metal as shown in the drawing, will be needed. A five gallon gas can with the lower intake fastened to the under side of the motor water jacket and the upper rising to the top of the can will furnish a water reservoir to do the cooling. On the last two cylinder lugs you can put strap iron brackets to support a small varnish can for the gas tank. The drawing below suggests an application of the motor to driving a toy pushmobile. A chain drive, using an old bicycle gear procurable at any second hand shop, is the simplest method of harnessing up the power.

If the motor is to be used inboard in a boat, the best cooling arrangement is to use scoops for forcing the water through the engine. A water pump is unnecessary. The drawing gives a good idea of how the water chamber is hooked up with the motor in stationary use. Such a motor makes a good engine for pumping water.

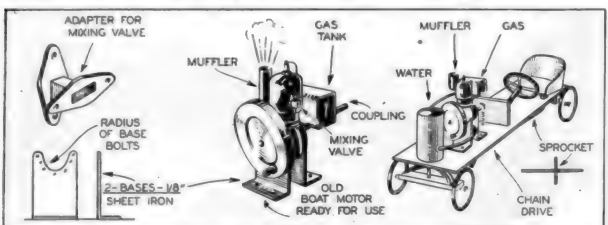


Diagram above shows how outboard motor of obsolete type can be converted to drive a pushmobile.

Hurdles Train Footballers to Develop Running Stride

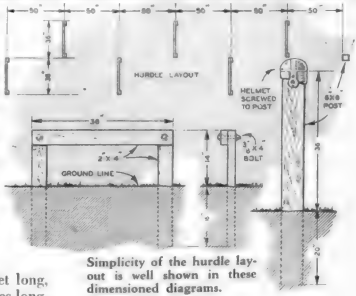
Football candidates learn fine points of running with these hurdles.

AMONG several pieces of unique apparatus which Coach Dick Hanley has devised and built at Northwestern University are the hurdles shown in the photograph. The value of these is in developing the squad's stride—short steps, long steps, and side-stepping. The diagram shows a layout of six hurdles. The photograph shows double the number.

This practical apparatus can be added to any team's training equipment at the expense of a few 2-by-4s and bolts. A piece of 2-by-4 8 feet long, and two ¾-inch carriage bolts 4 inches long, with washers, are required for each hurdle. Buy stock that has been surfaced four sides. Make a templet of cardboard, by which to locate the bolt holes, that they may be bored in the same positions in all pieces. This will save matching ends when assembling. Give all parts a coat of wood stain, paint or lacquer.

A post-hole auger will simplify the work of setting up the hurdles. Stake out the positions, following the diagrams. Drill the holes 16 inches deep. Set the hurdle uprights in the holes. Plumb and line up, and level the bars. Fill in earth around the uprights, add water, and tamp until firm.

The dummy shown in the photograph and in the plan is a 6-by-6 post 4 feet 8 inches long, with 20 inches of its length set into the ground. The post top is padded with upholstering hair, then covered with canvas, to make a good fit for the helmet.

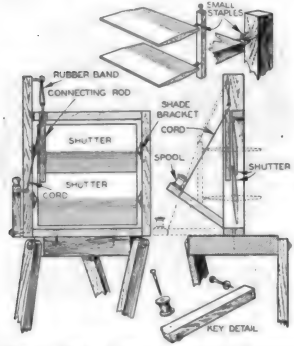


Simplicity of the hurdle layout is well shown in these dimensioned diagrams.

Handy Play Box for Toys

A PLAY box to hold the youngster's toys can be easily built from a few stray pieces of lumber, or perhaps by adapting a box which you can obtain from your grocer. Wheels can be added, but it is recommended that casters of the ball bearing variety be employed. These can be purchased for only a few cents at any department or hardware store. Such a box can be moved easily from one room to another, serving as a storage box when not in actual use. It is advisable to lacquer the box in some appropriate color.

Heliograph Uses Sun to Flash Morse Code Messages



Showing details of shutter mechanism by which dot-dash signals are transmitted by heliograph.

HELIOGRAPHING is an old method of signalling practiced by the army, forest rangers, boy scouts and other groups in the field, and it is recommended as an effective means of communicating at a distance. The apparatus, known as a heliograph, is a simple rig, as you will see by the plans for a home-made model. There are two parts to the apparatus. First, the sun reflector and sighting device, and, second, the transmitter. Each is mounted upon a tripod.

A mirror about 6 inches by 9 inches in size is needed for the sun reflector. To prepare the mirror for the reflector, remove the backing, locate the exact center of the mirror, and scrape away the silvering at that point to make a peep-hole about ⅛-inch in diameter. Cut a hole through the mirror backing that will come directly over the peep-hole, then replace the backing for protection to the silvering.

Make the mirror support of three pieces of 1-by-2, cut of the right length to accommodate the mirror frame with sufficient clearance. Brace the corners of this support with a pair of iron angle braces, as shown, and bore a 3/16-inch hole through base strip for a bolt pivot. Mount the mirror upon screw pivots. Two pairs of shade brackets of the form shown, fastened to opposite sides of the pivot holes in uprights, make excellent bearings. Drive the pivot screws into the exact center of the mirror-frame ends, which must also be in a direct line with the mirror peep-hole. Drive home the pivot screws so that the mirror will hold any position to which it is adjusted.

Mount the mirror support upon the end of a base board about 6 inches wide and 11 inches long. Draw a center line upon the upper face of the board. Bore a 3/16-inch hole near one end of the center line, for the mirror support bolt pivot, bore another hole 4 inches from this hole for the tripod bolt pivot, and cut a ½-inch square end notch for the sight rod. Nail a batten to the edge of the base board, and drive a screw-eye through the batten, for a set screw to hold the sight rod in adjusted positions.

Make the sight rod of a stick ½-inch square and 9 or 10 inches long. Drive a nail into the upper end and file off the head. Then cut a focusing disk out of a piece of tin of the shape and size shown, and pivot its shank to the sight rod with a small screw or nail, so that the center of the disk will be in line with the point of the nail when the disk is swung up into a vertical position.

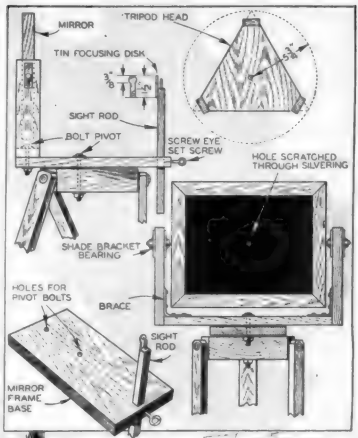
A camera tripod can be used for a support for the sun reflector, but, inasmuch as you must have a tripod for the transmitter also, it will be better to make two tripods and have them alike. The diagrams show a simple home-made model. Lay out the tripod head upon a piece of 2-inch stock, saw off the corners, and bore a 3/16-inch hole for the pivot bolt. Make the tripod legs of strips of 1-by-2, 4 feet long. Bevel off the tops and bore for 3/16-inch screws. Taper the lower leg ends to about ¾-inch square, drive a nail into each, and file off to a point. The nail points prevent the tripod legs from slipping.

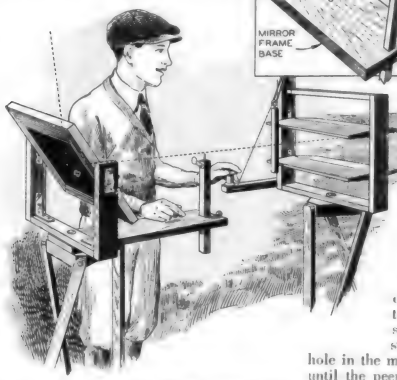
Now for the transmitter. Make a frame of 1-by-2 strips, cutting these of the right lengths for the inside opening to be about 8 inches square, and for upright to project about 3 inches above the frame. With the frame assembled, screw base strip to the head of one of your home-made tripods. Next, cut two shutters from a piece of ½-inch board. Make them of the right width to overlap when mounted, and of the right length to allow for clearance between shade-bracket bearings. You can bevel the edges

of the shutter boards or leave them of full thickness.

Make the shutter connecting rod of a strip ⅜-inch square and 5 inches long, and fasten it to one edge of each shutter by means of double-pointed tacks. Drive one tack into the edge of the shutter, interlock the tack with a second tack and drive this into the connecting rod.

To complete the mechanism for operating the shutters, drive a screw hook into the top of the connecting rod, and another hook into the upper end of upright. Slip several rubber bands over these hooks, using bands of a length that will hold the shutters closed. Tie a piece of cord to the shank of the connecting rod hook, and run this down to the transmitting key. Make





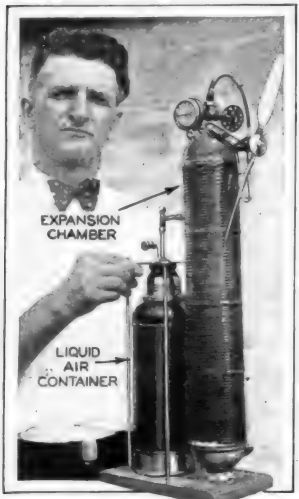
Mirror mount, tripod design, and focusing disk arrangement are made clear in the above diagrams, while the drawing at left shows the completed heliograph in operation.

the key arm of a strip ¾-inch square and 7 inches long, drill one end for a screw pivot, and screw the strip to the outer face of frame upright. Screw a small thread spool to the free end of the key strip, and drive a screw-eye into the side edge for the attachment of the operating cord.

You will want to finish the heliograph apparatus to make it look like a real job. I suggest that you use lacquer rather than paint or enamel, because it dries more quickly, and is not likely to gum up parts.

To set up the heliograph for operation, stand the sun reflector tripod with mirror and sightrod in line with receiving station. Look through the peep-hole in the mirror, and adjust the sight rod until the peep-hole and the nail point line up with the receiving station. Then stand the transmitting tripod in front of the sun reflector. The next step is to catch the sun's rays upon the mirror by turning the mirror. The mirror will then reflect a panel of sunlight, with a small spot in the center caused by the unsilvered peep-hole. This spot must be focused upon the focusing disk. First, raise the focusing disk, so that it centers upon the sight rod point. Then adjust the mirror until the peep-hole shadow is focused upon the disk.

Claims Liquid Air Future Fuel for Airplane Motors



Expansion of compressed liquid air in chamber causes turbine to revolve. The speed of motor is regulated by the turning of a single valve.

VALENTINE NEWBAUER, a Los Angeles aeronautical engineer, has perfected a process which substitutes liquid air for gasoline as a motor fuel. A completed one-horsepower model engine weighs only half a pound, and the inventor claims that an airplane using a full-size motor of this type could fly indefinitely without refueling. The liquid air is carried under pressure in a tank, and when released in the expansion chamber turns the propeller with a turbine arrangement. The speed of the motor may be regulated at will by a valve which regulates the flow of fuel to the expansion chamber. Lubrication problems are reduced to a minimum, while no cooling system is needed.

Cowl Lamps for New Ford Cars

A CHROMIUM plated cowl lamp which harmonizes with standard headlights is another accessory for Model A Fords. To install it is only necessary to drill a 5/8 in. hole and place one nut and lock nut.

Mechanics' Handy Combination

THIS pocket combination tool, made of polished aluminum and weighing but two ounces, has many uses among which are right and left hand bevel, plumb and level, compass and square, and inside square and a depth gauge. A rule which is furnished may be attached with thumb screw, making a "T" square or sliding scale.

Highest and Lowest Highways

THE highest concrete pavements in the United States are the streets of Manitou, Colorado, at 6,440 feet elevation. The lowest is the road along the Salton Sea, in Imperial county, California, which is 150 feet below sea level.

Oil Gauge Is New Ford Accessory

AN accurate oil pressure gauge designed to attach to the instrument panel of the new Ford cars by using two screws already installed, has been produced by an eastern manufacturer. The gauge can also be fitted to Model T cars.

Outboard Motor Powers Novel Ant Exterminator Device

THE automatic poison blowing device shown in the photo at the right might appear on first sight to be one of the intricate inventions of Rube Goldberg, whose amusing contraptions are known throughout the country. But it isn't. It's the invention of an enterprising young South American, and is designed to blow poison down into antholes. The outboard motor, supported by a tripod arrangement, is belted to a blower fan which blows poison powder out of the nozzle. In this manner the most inaccessible depths of antholes can be reached, and the work of exterminating the insects can be carried on easily. Wheels can be placed on the frame to make the device portable.

An outboard motor belted to a motor sprays poison powder through the nozzle into antholes.

English Make Lightest Life Boat

TO a far-seeing British inventor goes the honor of devising the lightest life-boat yet produced. It is so constructed that a woman can easily handle it, as shown in the accompanying photo. The boat is substantially constructed, and capable of carrying two persons comfortably, and three in an emergency. It is made of heavy, waterproofed, specially treated canvas designed particularly for pontoons of airplanes. It was on display at a recent marine exhibition.

Light weight is the feature of this life boat.

Strange Objects Rained From Sky

FISH, salt, dead birds, hay, pebbles, live frogs and toads, shellfish, meat fragments, and a live alligator two feet long are among the collection of objects owned by Ivan Houk, of New York, that have fallen from the sky in rainstorms. It is believed that they were sucked up into the sky during violent disturbances and later let fall to earth. Doesn't someone wish a bank would get caught in a storm occasionally?

Screwdriver Has Non-skid Blade

A NON-SKID screwdriver is something that is often wished for while trying to drive in a screw whose head has become slightly bit up. In the photo at the right is shown a screwdriver with a ribbed blade which takes hold and keeps hold, and thus prevents breaking of heads.

A Bicycle SIDE-CAR

by GENE MORLEY

A bicycle can carry two passengers with ease when fitted with the side-car described here by Mr. Morley. Made of scrap materials to be found around the house, its total cost should not exceed three dollars, and it will last as long as the bike.

HERE is an opportunity to give your friends a ride without imposing any strain on your bicycle. And besides, the balance of the wheel is not disturbed.

The type illustrated here is designed for light weight and low cost. In fact, the original was made entirely of odds and ends found about the backyard, with the exception of the side wheel and axle. Together these cost only $2.90.

Of course, there are such items as bolts and paint, but one usually has these on hand. Any handy boy should be able to duplicate this side-car with hammer, saw, brace and bit and such tools as are found in every home workshop.

For the frame members, use Oregon pine or similar wood throughout, except for the footrest, which is of white pine, and the plywood seat bottom.

Begin with the "backbone," or main frame member. This is cut to shape from a piece ¾ in. by 2¼ in. by 32 in. The central portion, about where it fits over the end of the bicycle axle and nut, is left full width for strength.

The other portions are narrowed down to 1½ in. wide. Bore a hole as indicated to fit over the end of the bicycle axle and counter-bore this hole 1 in. in diameter and about ⅜ in. deep to allow for the hexagon nut on the bicycle axle. Also bore a ½ in. hole at the back end for the side-car axle, and a ⅛ in. hole down through this for a cotter pin to hold the axle in place. Binding the ends of this member with wire will prevent its splitting under strain.

Slot the forward end, as shown, by drilling two 5/16 in. holes about half an inch apart and chiseling out between. This slot permits lateral adjustment of the clamp blocks for various makes of bicycles. Make the clampblocks according to the drawings, drilling them for the screw and bolt holes. An iron bar is used outside these blocks to reinforce the entire unit. The original bar was made by sawing off one leg of an angle-bracket purchased in the ten-cent store. Incidentally, a hack-saw is indispensable all through this job.

For the rear clamp which fits under the V-members of the bicycle frame you may find a piece of iron around the place to suit your purpose, or can pick one up at a repair shop, or even on a well-stocked junk pile. You may be interested to note that the job shown in the photo was made principally from junk—the iron frames from the wreck of a kiddie-car and parts of an expatriated chandelier; a scrap of inner tube, part of a felt hat, a battered strip of galvanized iron sheet and odds and ends of wood. It pays to save every sort of junk, for sooner or later you will find good use for it.

With the main frame-member clamped to your bicycle, it is easy to fit the other pieces. Be sure the bicycle is in an upright position so as not to throw out any calculations.

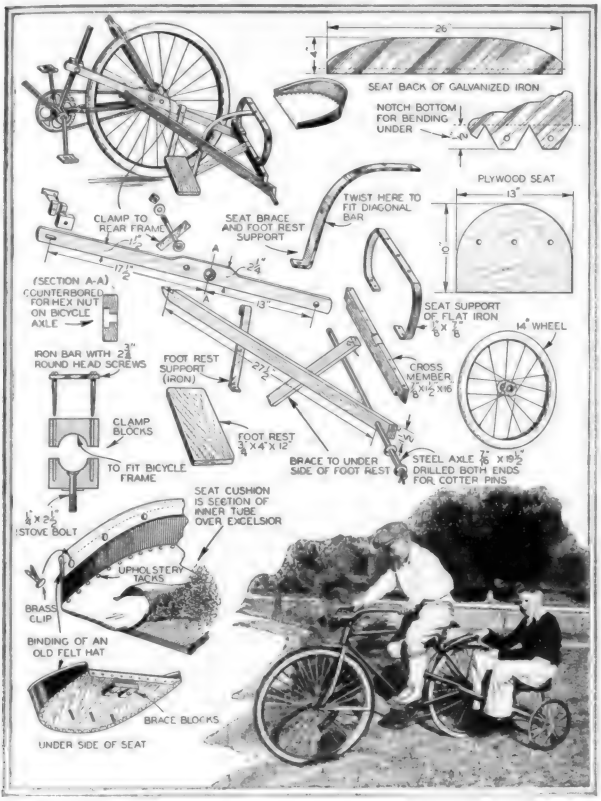
The diagonal bar is made as shown, and with the side-car axle and wheel installed temporarily, the remainder of the fitting is comparatively simple.

Bending the flat iron pieces for the seat support and braces is facilitated by heating red-hot and hammering to shape. However, with a heavy hammer and substantial iron vise it is possible to do this work cold. Drilling the holes in the iron is a job for your garage man.

Plywood was selected for the seat because of its strength combined with light weight. Ordinary material can be used, of course, with very satisfactory results.

The seat back is galvanized iron sheet bent around the curve of the bottom piece and nailed to the underside through the tabs cut for the purpose. Use short nails or upholstery tacks for this job.

Scrap Materials Can Be Used to Advantage in Building This Side-Car



Before putting on the upholstery remember to insert through the bottom the bolts which are to fasten the seat to the framework. The writer overlooked this and had a fine job on his hands getting the seat covering off again without tearing it all to pieces. A section of inner tube cut to shape and laid over a good grade of excelsior makes a splendid seat. Around the top edge

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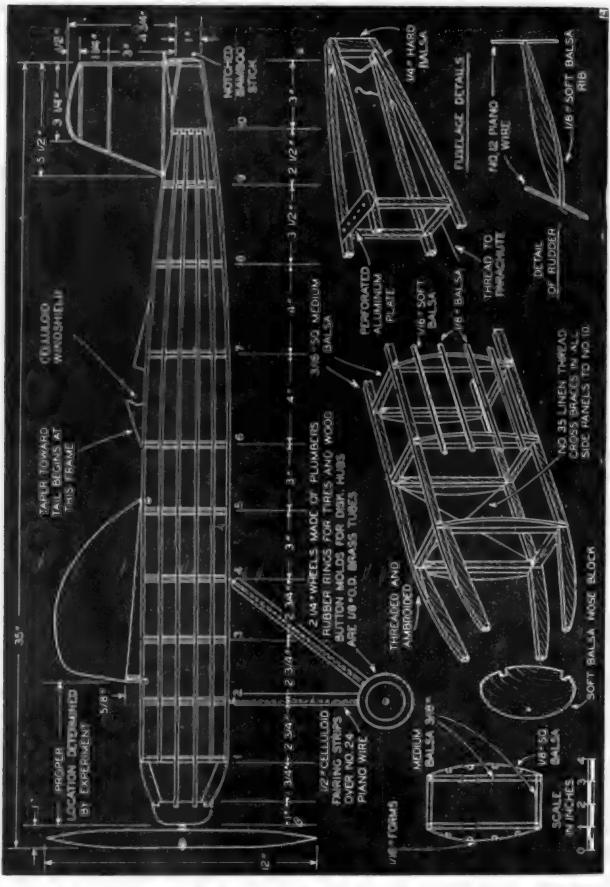
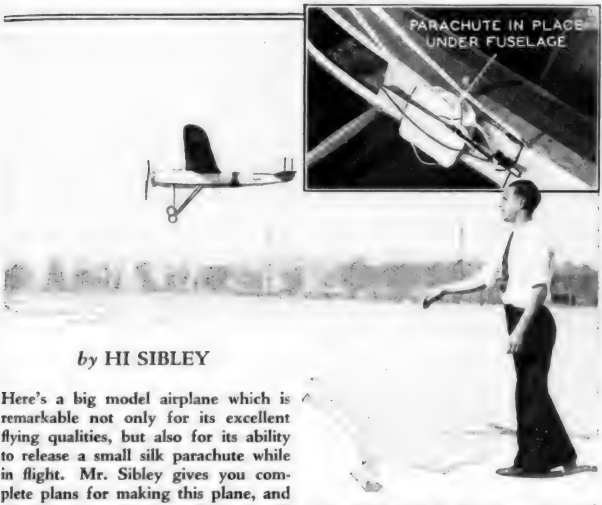
Fuselage Details of Sixty-Inch Model Presented in This Blue Print



Balsa wood is used in building this light, strong fuselage for which complete dimensions are given.

Model Plane Drops 'Chute



by **HI SIBLEY**

Here's a big model airplane which is remarkable not only for its excellent flying qualities, but also for its ability to release a small silk parachute while in flight. Mr. Sibley gives you complete plans for making this plane, and the blueprints with the article make all construction details clear and simple.

The model plane in the air is as graceful a craft as one could wish for, and can be either hand launched or permitted to rise off the ground. Insert shows details of 'chute release mechanism.

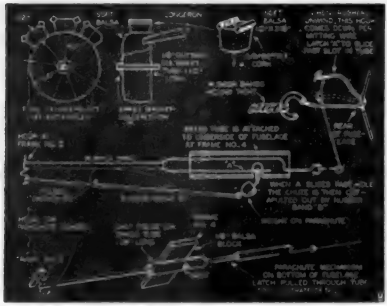
THIS big model, designed and built by Bob McCorkle, of Monrovia, California, is distinguished in two respects—it is a splendid flyer, and just before coming to earth it releases a tiny silk parachute. McCorkle, an aviator himself, has built many successful models and worked out this design with the greatest care.

It can be copied by anyone who has had experience in building first class models. Construction is standard throughout, with care given to keeping wing and tail assembly light in weight. The completed ship, as shown here, weighs about 8 oz., and the 125 flights made prior to taking the accompanying photographs is proof of the sturdiness of its construction. It performs equally well when taking off from the ground or when hand launched.

To build according to these plans, first draw the outline or profile of the fuselage on a flat board, and drive in small brads or pins along the lines to hold the longerons to shape while struts or uprights are ambroided in place. Medium balsa 3/16 in. square is used. While still in the form, install cross braces of No. 35 linen thread in all side panels except at the extreme tail. These threads are drawn taut over the brads, to prevent any strain on the framework, and in this position ambroided to the longerons, etc. When ambroid has set the ends of the threads are cut from the brads.

Next join the two side frames by ambroiding in the cross members. Note that the forward ends of the longerons extend ahead of Frame No. 1, and curved pieces

Parachute Releasing Device Is Ingenious



Unwinding of rubber bands which turn the propeller release the mechanism shown above which launches the parachute.

are bound and ambroided to them to carry the balsa nose or motor block. The latter is of soft balsa, 1 in. thick and 2½ in. diameter, to which the dummy cylinders of cork are fastened with brads and ambroid. The detail drawing shows how they are laid out for the nine cylinders.

Having built up the main frame of the fuselage, curved strips or formers are ambroided along the sides, and four ⅛ in. sq. soft balsa strips fastened lengthwise to these to give the rounded effect.

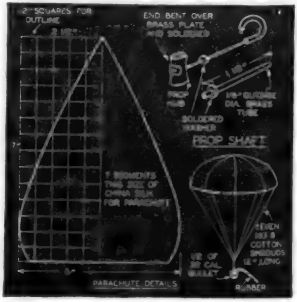
The long wing is laid out in pencil on a flat board, with exact location of ribs marked in, and assembly proceeds much the same as for the side frames. A Clark-Y rib is used, the outline of the central ribs shown in the chart. These are cut from 1/16 in. soft balsa with a razor blade. A ¼ in. by 7/16 in. hard balsa spar, tapered toward the tip, is ambroided in the notches in the ribs, and No. 12 piano wire is used for the curved wing tips.

After ambroid has set, transfer the frame from the flat board to two other boards joined at the center to form about a 6 degree dihedral, bringing each wing tip about 3¼ in. above the center. The spar is first cut through at the center, the wing frame then laid on the dihedral boards and just enough weight laid on top to hold both wings flat upon the boards. Now apply ambroid to the cut in the spar; the leading and trailing edges merely bend to the shape of the dihedral and present a neater job than if broken at the center.

Note the very light construction of stabilizer and rudder. In the former a bamboo leading edge, ⅛ in. sq., and tapered toward the tips, gives great strength. The central section is bent by heating cautiously over a candle flame. Tips and trailing edges are of No. 12 piano wire, which is bent into the shape of an elongated "W" in the center at the tail of the fuselage to engage in a notched bamboo stick for vertical adjustment.

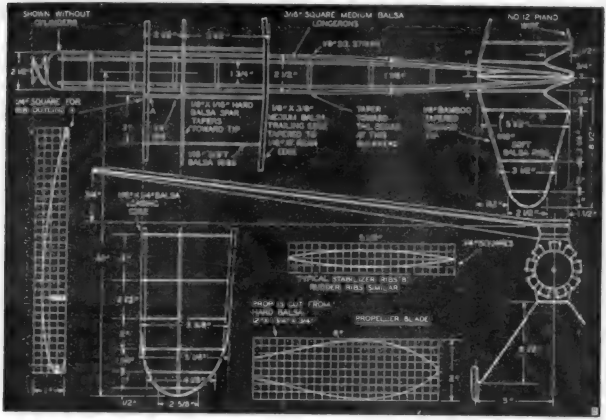
The rudder construction is similar, except that no bamboo is used in the leading edge, this being No. 12 piano wire. Extensions of the wire serve as an axis and also for right or left adjustment at the leading edge, where the tip of the wire is inserted in a perforated aluminum plate on top of the fuselage.

Lay out the outlines of propeller blades on a hard balsa block 12 in. long, 1¾ in. wide and ⅜ in. thick. Saw out the blank and whittle the blades down so that they taper from the hub to about 1/16 in. at the tips. See that the prop is accurately balanced, and that the blades are uniform. Bend the propeller shaft from No. 24 piano



Parachute pattern and detail of prop shaft.

Propeller, Ribs, and Tail Structure Dimensions Given in This Drawing



It is easy to copy off the propeller and rib curves by ruling off quarter-inch squares and tracing off the curves as given above. A number of other essential dimensions are given in the print.

wire, insert through the hub, and ambroid a small brass plate over front of the hub and a copper or steel washer on the back. Now bend the protruding end of the prop shaft over the brass plate and solder in place. This prevents shaft pulling through hub under strain of wound rubbers.

Of course, the shaft must first be inserted in the propeller bearing in the motor block. This bearing is made of a 1½ in. length of standard ⅛ in. (outside diameter) brass tubing, with a flange made of a washer soldered near the forward end.

Landing gear struts are of No. 24 piano wire, bound with thread and ambroided to the fuselage at frames 2 and 4. Wheels should weigh one ounce each to give the proper flying weight and concentration of weight well below the wing center. They are made up of large wood button molds for disks, plumber's rubber rings for tires, and a ⅛ in. brass tube hub. If the holes in the button molds are too large for this size tubing, they can be bushed with short sections of rubber tubing the proper size, the brass hub being ambroided inside the rubber. A small brass washer is ambroided or soldered to the ends of the axles for hub caps, and fairing strips of celluloid are ambroided to each strut for appearances.

Covering should be put on all frame work before installing the parachute mechanism. Use Japanese rice paper throughout. On the wing frame cover the bottom side first, applying good glue lightly to the two central ribs and bringing the paper taut over them. When dry, put glue sparingly on entering and trailing edges and wing tip. Glue the paper to a point on the tip, drawing it taut and then run the tips of the fingers over the edges, tightening the paper as you go along. Cover the top side in the same manner. It is not necessary to glue any of the intermediate ribs. The same procedure applies generally for covering rudder and stabilizer. Separate sheets must, of course, be used on each side of the fuselage. Give all surfaces three coats of dope cut half with high grade lacquer thinner.

Although the parachute releasing mechan-

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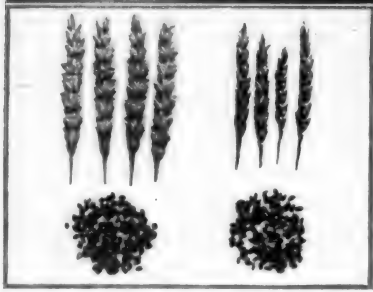
Sulphur Dusted by Planes Saves Wheat from Rust Blight

Here is shown the Huff-Daland dusting plane flying low over the wheat field releasing the sulphur powder which settles on the plants and protects them from the ravages of rust spores.



Improvement in the grade of wheat is shown in the photo above. At left is wheat dusted tri-weekly with sulphur. At right is wheat grown under same conditions but not dusted.

RUST, the parasitic fungus that has long been the scourge of Canadian wheat fields, causing millions of dollars loss in blight and low grade grain, is at last beating a retreat before the invasion of airplanes which spray the fields with clouds of powdered sulphur.

For many years experiments were carried on by scientists at the rust research laboratory at Winnipeg who were seeking to find some means of ridding Canadian wheat farmers of their worst enemy—rust. Tens of thousands of plants were grown in the greenhouses for experimentation and hundreds of fungicides were tested upon the rust-inoculated plants. At last it was found that the riddance could be achieved by protecting the wheat against the rust spores with fungicides, and that sulphur dust was the best protective agent.

Then the Winnipeg laboratory workers decided to test sulphur dusting on a large scale, and they requisitioned an airplane in an effort to combat the aerial attacks of the rust raiders with an aerial counter attack. The Canadian Air Force supplied a Huff-Daland dusting plane, similar to those used in dusting crops against the dreaded boll weevil.

This plane had a hopper capacity of six hundred pounds, an amount sufficient to dust fifteen to twenty acres of land. Flying at one hundred miles an hour, it released the sulphur dust over the fields at an average height of twenty feet.

The results convinced everyone that wheat fields can be protected from rust by means of the sulphur fungicide. One field of 75 acres of Marquis wheat was dusted at the rate of 15 pounds per acre and the yield was 22 bushels per acre of No. 2 Northern wheat. A neighboring field of 20 acres was left undusted to serve as a check, and its yield was 13 bushels per acre of No. 5 wheat.

New Talking Movies Replace Stenographer's Note Book

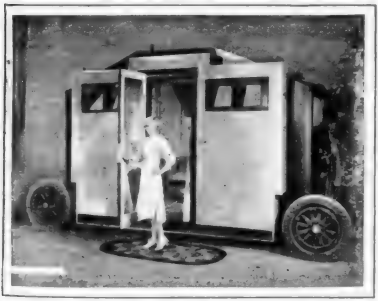
THE movietone principle of recording the human voice has been adapted to office use in a machine which has been named the "Dailygraph." The device is primarily intended for dictating letters in the office but may be used to record speeches for translation or future reproduction for educational and historical purposes. It is a German patent and has been placed on the market in continental countries.

The speaker talks into a mouthpiece similar to that of an ordinary telephone, and the vibrating diaphragm transmits the sounds to the machine in the form of electrical impulses which in turn are converted to light waves. These are recorded on the narrow strip of film similar to that used in the talking movies. When reproducing the voice, the mere pressure of a button reverses the process, and the sound may be projected at will either through the loud speaker or ear phones.

Dictation is recorded on film and may be reproduced at will through sound projector.

Travelling Dressing Room—Movie Star Introduces Her "Dressmobile"

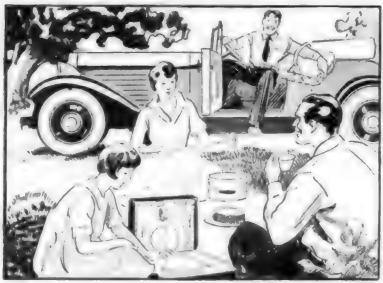
KEEPING temperamental moving picture stars happy and comfortable while on location has long been a serious problem with directors, but Metro-Goldwyn seems to be on the right track in the solution of this problem by providing luxurious traveling dressing rooms for the expensive talent.



Marion Davies is first film star to possess moving bungalow.

To Marion Davies goes the credit for the idea of the dressing room on wheels which may be hitched behind a truck and towed wherever the company may happen to be working. The new moving bungalow has all the comforts of home including an electrical refrigerator, radio set, hot and cold water, boudoir equipment, and complete wardrobe facilities. Deep springs and powerful shock absorbers make riding easy. The running gear may be detached and rolled to the side.

MOTOR MECHANICS



Edited by
RAY F. KUNS

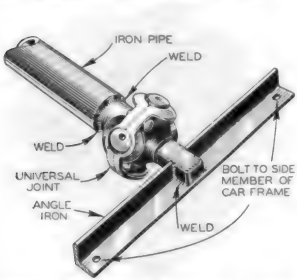
As editor of Auto Digest and principal of the Cincinnati Auto Trades School, Mr. Kuns is well qualified to advise car owners in all phases of automobile maintenance and operation.

Old Universal Joint Makes a Good Hook-up for Trailer

THE problem of attaching the trailer to the automobile in such fashion that the owner of the car will be able to enjoy a contented frame of mind while touring along at high speeds is not a slight one. The hook-up should be practically universal. Some companies make use of a ball and socket type of joint. The car owner who has built his own trailer and desires to get a good hook-up may make use of a universal joint which is in good condition.

Attach one end of the universal joint to a cross member made from a piece of channel iron. Bolt each end of this cross member to the side frames of the car near the gasoline tank. The closer to the body the joint is made the better it will be.

When disconnecting the trailer it will be necessary to remove these two bolts rather than to remove the universal joint or disassemble it. The cross bar and universal joint hook-up becomes a definite part of the trailer.



Universal joint used as hook-up for a trailer.

Hints for Summer Driving

HAVE the radiator cleaned and the cooling system flushed out.

If the car runs too hot and gives evidence of pre-ignition, have the spark plugs checked to see that those in use are not of a type known as a hot plug. The hot plug has a long porcelain skirt within the plug. The cool running plug has a shorter porcelain. Volatile gasoline may be the cause of a high speed engine miss. Where a high speed engine miss is encountered which is hard to locate, it is a good plan to change to a low grade gasoline for a test.

When trouble is encountered with pump packing try to secure some plastic pump packing with which to fill up the packing gland. This, in addition to the regular packing, will make a good job. Do not wait until the fan belt is completely worn out and breaks with the chance of doing the fan or the radiator damage, or allowing the car to overheat and be held up on the road. Fan belts are inexpensive and should be renewed before they are entirely worn out.

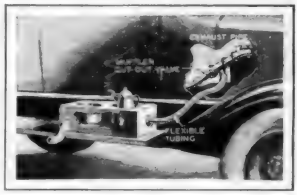
Making an Exhaust Heat Cooker for the Running Board

THE drawing at right illustrates a method of cutting into the exhaust pipe and applying a muffler cut-out valve, so as to provide a take-off for attaching the flexible tubing which conducts the exhaust heat into the cooking unit.

This cooking unit may be made square as shown, with one or more cups of welded sheet steel. Any sheet metal welder can form up and weld a box of this type. He will weld on tubing connections for the head and tail pipe. The cup set into the box should be not less than 6 inches in diameter. The box should be approximately 8 inches wide, and 5 to 7 inches deep. The cups come within one inch of the bottom.

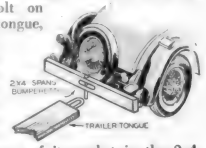
The ingenious workman can make use of this idea in respect to many materials. For instance, he may find in the hardware store some pails which may be fitted together and welded or brazed in such fashion as to form an admirable cooking unit. The main idea is to have a gas tight space around the inner vessel. Soldering will not hold metals together, as the heat is too great. They must be brazed or welded.

A covering which may be made from sheet metal or wood, with asbestos paper lining, is used to protect the cooking unit when traveling. Cookers of this type will boil water almost as quickly as the average stove.



Auto Trailer Connection

WHEN the car is equipped with rear bumperettes, a 2x4 spanning the distance between them, gouged out in the center to admit the tongue of a trailer as shown below, makes an excellent connection. A hole is drilled through for a bolt which fits into a U-bolt on the trailer tongue, holding it securely. The trailer can thus be easily disconnected by simply lifting the bolt out of its socket in the 2x4.

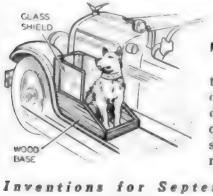


Spark Plugs, Faulty Valve Springs, May Cause High-Speed Missing

NOT a little trouble is experienced with engines missing at high speed, particularly since the use of high compression engines is so universal. Here are some of the causes and remedies: See that the spark plugs are of the proper type—the higher the speed, the cooler running should be the plug, which means a plug with a short porcelain.

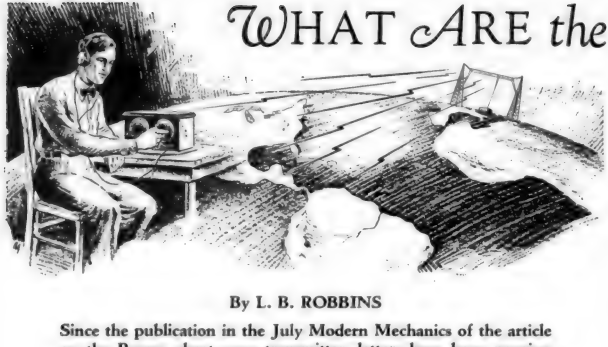
The next thing to look for is spark plug gap, which should not exceed .022 to .025 inches. Next inspect the contact point gap. This should be .017 to .020 inches. Next inspect the valve tappet clearance when the engine is hot. The expanded valve stems may be causing them to hold open.

The heat of the engine operated at high speed may cause the valves to stick in the valve guides. This may be remedied by having the valve removed, and the gum cleaned off the valve stem and out of the valve guides.



Running Board Compartment for the Dog

TOURING is usually pleasant enough for humans, but not so comfortable for the family dog who must cling to the running board as best he may. A running board compartment built after the lines of the one shown in the drawing at the left will provide comfortable traveling quarters for the family pet. The glass windshield on three sides protects the animal from wind, regardless of how rapidly the car may be driven.



WHAT ARE the

By L. B. ROBBINS

Since the publication in the July Modern Mechanics of the article on the Pygmy short wave transmitter, letters have been pouring in requesting plans for building a short wave receiver that can be used in conjunction with this set. Well, here it is! Using this efficient and inexpensive receiver, Mr. Robbins, operator of station W1AFQ, has brought in music and code from everywhere.

MAYBE a lot of you radio fans think you're getting a big kick out of radio by twisting a couple of dials and bringing in a lot of noise from some broadcasting station several hundred miles away. Well, if you do you "ain't seen nothin' yet" in the way of thrills with a radio set.

Down on the lower wavelengths, between approximately 10 and 100 meters, there are things going on that most radio fans either overlook or don't know about. Amateurs to whom radio means more than merely twisting dials on a high-priced broadcast receiver are pulling in programs on these frequencies from the other side of the earth, or—and here's the thrill—actually talking in voice or dots and dashes with other radio fans scattered all over the globe.

With a receiver designed to pick up signals on these wave lengths it is possible for you to listen in on the things going on there. Although as yet there is not as much broadcast stuff on these frequencies as on the standard broadcast frequencies, yet when you do get something it is just as likely to be coming from Australia as from some city nearby. And after a while, when you have learned to interpret the dot and dash signals, you can get on the air with a transmitting station of your own, and talk to other amateurs all over the earth as if they were sitting in your own room.

The accompanying diagrams show an inexpensive two-tube receiver that will work splendidly, both as a receiver of voice and broadcasting, as well as one with which to receive the thousands of "dit dah" messages sent out by the amateur fraternity. It has purposely been kept simple in design, using only the tried and tested parts and tubes, so that the novice can build and operate it successfully. Trick circuits and tubes have been entirely eliminated, and the builder can feel assured that if directions are followed closely this set will *work*.

Here is a list of essential parts needed:

Two 201A type tubes.
Three UX sockets.
Two ½ in. squares of sheet copper or brass.
One 50 mmfd. variable condenser (5 plate)
One 100 mmfd. midget condenser (23 plate)
One 50,000 ohm variable resistance.
Two Vernier dials—one for 50 mmfd. condenser and the other for 50,000 ohm resistance.
One knob for midget condenser.
One audio transformer (10 to 1 ratio if possible).
One single circuit phone jack.
One 1 mfd. fixed by-pass condenser.

SHORT WAVES SAYING?

One 100 mmfd. fixed grid condenser.
One 2000 mfd. fixed by-pass condenser.
One ½ ampere Amperite and mounting.
One 2 to 4 megohm grid leak and mounting.
One 1 megohm grid leak and mounting.
One binding post strip with six posts.
One 11"x6" baseboard.
One dry hardwood hard rubber, or bakelite panel 12"x7".
Sheet of heavy tinfoil or copper foil for shield.
Shellac.

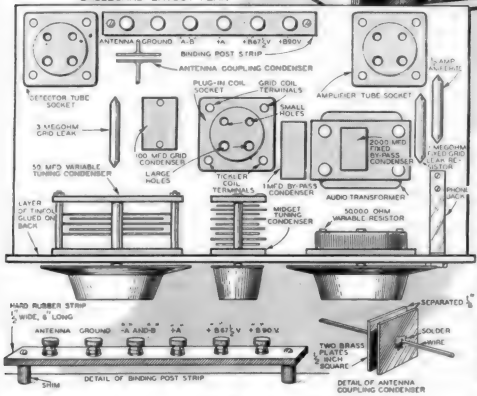


Fig. 1. Place parts on the baseboard as illustrated, and wire up with insulated hookup wire. The antenna coupling condenser is fastened to the board with small angle irons. The resistors are fixed in regular mountings.

Five vacuum tube bases.
Spool of No. 24 DCC magnet wire.
Hookup wire—solder—screws—bolts and nuts.

First drill the panel for the five plate tuning condenser and the variable resistance shafts. Arrange them so the dials will be placed equidistantly from the edges as shown in Fig. 1. Then place the midget condenser between these parts and arrange the phone jack at the lower right hand corner. No measurements are given because of the varying sizes of different makes of parts.

Now before assembling the parts on the panel, shellac it two coats on the back and press on a sheet of heavy foil. When dry, cut away all foil liberally around bolt and shaft holes. Positively no metallic part of any instrument must touch this shield, which is necessary to reduce hand capacity when tuning.

Then mount the four panel instruments in their respective positions and put on dials and knobs. Then fasten the panel to the base by three small screws along the bottom.

Place two of the UX sockets ½ inch from the rear edge of base and about an inch from the ends. Place the remaining socket directly behind the midget condenser, facing the plate and grid posts of the latter to the rear. Mount the audio transformer behind the variable resistance and the 1 megohm grid leak and Amperite at the right of transformer. Mount the detector grid leak between the tuning condenser and the

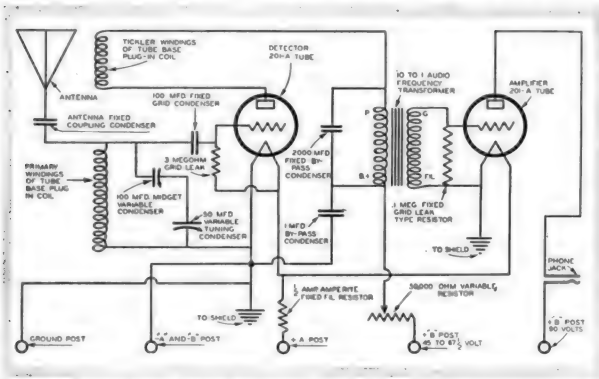


Fig. 2. The receiver is wired up as shown above. Negative legs of filaments are grounded to foil shield. Tuning is done with the variable tuning condenser and the 50,000 ohm variable resistor.

detector socket behind it.

Then place the 100 mmfd. grid condenser near the grid leak, the 1 mfd. condenser between coil socket and transformer, and the 2000 mmfd. condenser across the transformer primary. Mount the binding post strip between the tube sockets, raising it about 1 inch from the base by shims. You are now ready to wire. Use flexible insulated hookup wire throughout, and solder all joints not in binding posts.

Starting at the antenna post solder a piece of stiff wire to the center of each ½ inch brass plate. Secure one in the antenna post. Then place the other plate parallel and vertical at a distance of ⅛-inch from the first and connect this second wire to grid coil terminal or coil socket. This forms the antenna coupling condenser.

A wiring diagram of the receiver is shown in figure 2. The layer of foil on the back of the panel is grounded on the ground post of the binding post strip. The negative leg of the detector filament is grounded to the shield to offset the the body capacity of the hand when tuning. The current to the amplifier tube filament is fed through the shield, to which the negative leg of the amplifier filament is also grounded. The two condensers, the midget and the 5 plate tuner, are hooked in series and shunted across the primary of the plug-in coil as shown.

The plug-in coils are clearly shown in Fig. 3. Remove the glass from an old tube by heating, clean out the base, melt solder from prong tips, and pull out the leads. Then drill out the prongs clean with a very small drill. Coils are wound to conform with the coil socket connections, so do not wind them in any other manner except as herein directed.

Drill four small holes diagonally in the side of base as shown. First wind the grid coil. Scrape an end of the magnet wire and run it through the top hole of the base and down through prong 4. Bend the wire over prong and secure it with a drop of solder. Then wind on the designated number of turns tightly and closely, and push the end of the wire through next hole and down and into prong 3. where it should be

pulled tight and soldered. Start the tickler winding in the next hole down to prong 2. Then wind on and finish through the bottom hole to prong 1. The two sets of windings should be wound on firmly and in the same direction. Finally, carefully file away the excess wire and solder on the prongs so that they fit snugly in the coil socket.

The approximate number of windings for the various wave lengths are shown in Fig. 3. You may have to add or subtract a turn or two to secure oscillation when it comes to the final analysis. The parts used will determine this to some extent.

The coil for the 150 meter band will have too many turns to wind on a tube base, so it will be necessary to bolt a larger form around the base to make a neat job. Separate the tickler and grid turns from each other about an eighth of an inch, but keep the turns of the windings themselves close together.

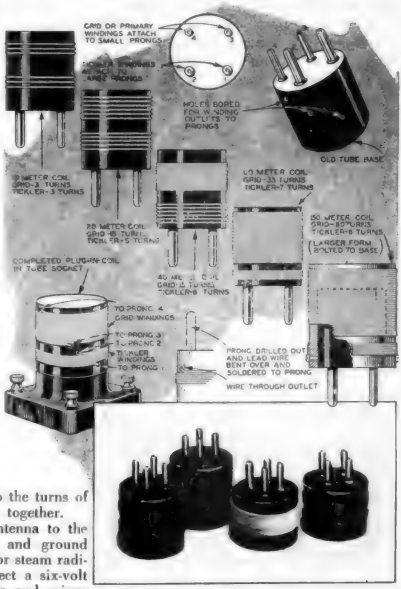


Fig. 3. The tickler and grid coils are wound on tube bases as shown. The units, each covering a different wave band, are interchangeable, and plug into the common socket.

Connect a 40 to 50 foot antenna to the antenna post of the receiver and ground the set to any good waterpipe or steam radiator. Using 201A tubes connect a six-volt storage battery to the A plus and minus posts. The B battery should have 90 volts for the audio and at least 45 for the detector voltage, although 67½ may work best with an old tube. This is reduced gradually by the variable resistor as needed for good regeneration. For 199 tubes, use a 3 to 4 volt storage battery with appropriate rheostat to control tube filaments.

Now we are ready to operate the set. Put headphones in the jack with the usual plug and light the tube filaments. Turn down the 50,000 ohm variable resistor and put in one of the plug-in coils. The 80 meter one is best for a test. Set the midget condenser about ¾ maximum and then slowly turn up the variable resistor dial until a rushing sound is heard in the phones. Then slowly turn the tuning condenser dial at the left until a station is heard. By adjusting the midget condenser you can reduce or increase the wave length coverage of the main tuning dial, so the band can be made to spread well out over the tuning condenser dial. For the higher wavelengths keep the midget condenser well meshed, but for the very low wavelengths open it up to practically a minimum.

Regeneration is completely controlled by the 50,000 ohm variable resistor, so it is important that this be an absolutely quiet working part. Phone and broadcasting stations should come in with a very gradual building up of regeneration. They should

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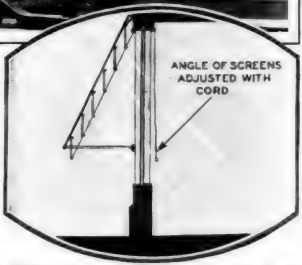
New Type Window Awning Operates on Shutter Principle

The window awnings shown above can be adjusted to cut off light or admit any amount desired.

WINDOW awnings which operate like old fashioned shutters, closing out all sunlight if desired or admitting only a small part or all of it, are in use on the windows of a large Hollywood bank. The awning can be faced around in any direction to face the direct rays of the sun, and does not stick out over the walk to knock off hats of passers-by. The shutters are adjusted by pulling the cord, as shown in the photo at the right.

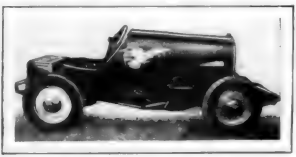


Pulling the cord changes the angle of the screens, which operate like old fashioned shutters.

Motorcycle Engine Runs Small Car

THE small home-made automobile is increasing in popularity throughout the country, and probably before long there will be regular dirt track racing events taking place.

The photo below shows a common type. This one was built by mechanics of the "Eagle Bus Lines" of Greenville, S. C. It is powered with a motorcycle engine.

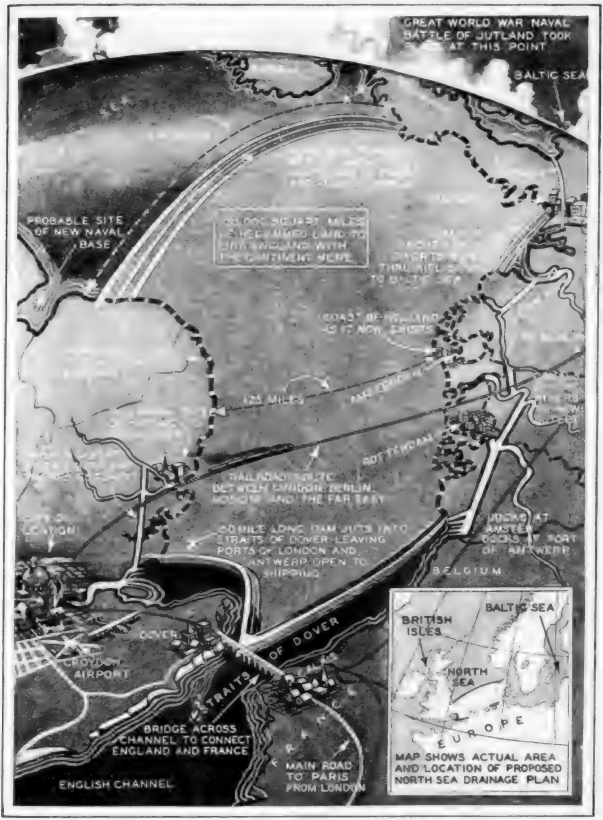


Scientists Doubt Ray Discovery

A DISCOVERY described in European technical reports by terms ranging between a "prodigious discovery" and "a bare faced fraud" is attracting the attention of scientists. A young Italian electrical experimenter has discovered, he announces, a hitherto unknown ray in the ether which he extracts and converts into electric power. At a demonstration, he made an electric lamp burn for hours without contact with any source of power.

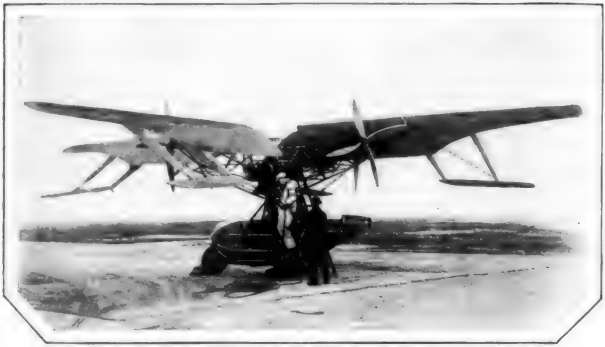
Skeptical engineers point out, however, that "unknown rays" are continually being "discovered" by quite sincere and honest experimenters who mistake some well known fact of nature for a new discovery. Some so-called experimenters, however, deliberately deceive the public with fake inventions in order to obtain money.

North Sea Drainage Project to Increase Area of Europe



If the extensive schemes for the drainage of North Sea are carried out according to the plan illustrated above, which was conceived by a group of eminent English scientists, 100,000 square miles will be added to the overcrowded continents of Europe. The reclaimed land will be walled in with enormous dykes, similar to the Netherland dykes, to protect it from the sea, and the various rivers flowing into the North Sea will have their courses diverted to different outlets by means of canals.

HOW I SOLVED THE



The Curtiss-Bleecker helicopter ready for its initial flight. The construction of the four revolving wings, with their outrigger tails is clearly shown in this photograph.

by MAITLAND B. BLEECKER

(As told to Alfred Albelli)

The problem of vertical flight has been solved at last! Long the subject of experiment by eminent scientist and amateur inventor, the mystery of the helicopter has been unravelled by M. B. Bleecker, young engineer.

I WAS first smitten with the helicopter bug six years ago. Today I am thrilled by the view of the finished product, the first genuine, full fledged helicopter in existence. Now I am ready to explain the mystery of the helicopter.

In all frankness I must admit that I became acquainted with the idea and the principles of the helicopter before I really knew the definition of that term. That was while I studied engineering at the Bach School of Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Michigan, six years ago. I was 21 then.

Before I go into detail concerning the six years of intensive research, designing, experimenting and construction involved in my helicopter plane, completed last June at the Curtiss-Wright factories at Valley Stream, Long Island, I want to explain that a helicopter is a flying machine able to lift itself vertically off the ground. That's the first point. Second, the true helicopter must be able to hover indefinitely over a given spot. It must be able to descend vertically under its own power, and to achieve a safe descent in the event of engine failure. All of this is in addition to being able to move horizontally at satisfactory speed and to be controllable and satisfactorily stable under all flight conditions.

There has been any number of helicopter designs that have successfully lifted themselves off the ground vertically and in some cases attained considerable altitude, but so far as I have been able to ascertain, there was not any one which satisfactorily combined all of the other performance elements of the true helicopter to a degree that makes it a practical machine.

For the private owner of aircraft, or for commercial or military operation, the advantages of being able to operate from any

HELICOPTER Problem

The "Wasp" air-cooled engine is clearly seen in the framework above the fuselage.

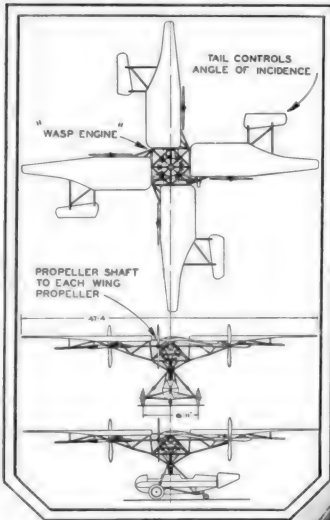
small plot of ground and to return successfully to the ground are obvious, and it is not beyond the realm of possibility, I feel, that such an airplane, when placed in practical operation, might revolutionize commercial aviation as it exists today.

My so-called Curtiss-Bleecker helicopter consists essentially of four large wings, or blades, mounted at right angles to one another and revolving in a horizontal plane. The wings are caused to revolve by propellers, one to each wing, mounted forward of the leading edge, about two-thirds of the way out.

The propellers are driven through a gear and shaft arrangement from one central engine, a 425-horse power air-cooled radial, mounted horizontally. To each of the wings are attached outrigger booms mounting small elevators or tail surfaces.

Thus, each unit is in reality a small airplane, consisting of a power-driven wing with a tail which can control the angle of incidence of the wing at any point. Beneath the four wings is slung a small fuselage. In this is located the crew. It is equipped with a conventional type of landing-gear.

Despite its radical departure in design



These drawings reveal construction of the Curtiss-Bleecker helicopter. Note propellers on each wing all geared to the central motor.

and construction from any other type of flying machine, my helicopter does resemble somewhat, in outward appearance, the De La Cierva autogyro. There is one strong fundamental difference in design, however. The wings of my helicopter are made to revolve by the pull of their propellers. In the autogyro, the rotation of the wings results from the forward motion of the entire machine.

This variance in design means that the helicopter can soar vertically off the ground without any run and can hover indefinitely over any spot, performances which cannot be attained by the autogyro.

It was while I was an engineer at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics at Langley Field in the early part of 1926 that I completed my plans for the helicopter. Instantaneously I was ordered to take up quarters at the Curtiss workshops. Four years of downright hard work followed. A whole year and a half was taken up with research and wind tunnel testing to determine the flight possibilities of my model.

My toughest job came in the making of an intelligent engineering analysis of my problems. Take for instance, the hovering condition of flight, where the machine must remain stationary in the air at a given point. The regular wind tunnel equipment was inadequate and it was necessary to devise special methods. We built special apparatus for this and for other tests. Everything was veiled in secrecy for four years. Not one iota of detail leaked out.

My job is done. I feel that I have given to aviation an engine of the air which will revolutionize the industry if properly nurtured. My helicopter will rise vertically, it will hover over a given spot, it will descend safely vertically, and move horizontally at a reasonable speed. It should be an invigorating spur to aeronautics.

Maitland B. Bleecker, Curtiss experimental engineer, who designed the ship which bears his name, sitting at the controls. Conventional airplane construction practice is adhered to throughout the design.

Parachute Jumper Gives Imitation of a Flying Squirrel

Above: Rex G. Finney and his pilot, just before taking off to perform his spectacular stunt. The pictorial diagram at the left shows how the thrilling glides and stalls are executed.

IN a startling imitation of a flying squirrel, Rex G. Finney, parachute jumper of the Curtiss-Wright Flying Service, demonstrated his stunt of becoming a human glider before the public recently with great success.

A triangular piece of sail cloth sewn between the legs of his flying suit acts upon the air in the same manner as the membranes of the flying squirrel, enabling him to perform thrilling glides and stalls while in the air.

As he jumps from the plane, Finney stretches his legs apart, and the wind, acting upon the web between his outstretched legs in much the same manner as it acts upon the elevators of a plane, enables him to glide a steep angle. By doubling his knees he is thrown into a climbing stall.

Interpreters Use Special Phone to Translate Speeches

AT THE world power conferences, where representatives from the various nations assemble to thrash out international complications, the words of a speaker talking one language must be made comprehensible to an array of listeners whose native tongue may be anything from Swahili to Cockney. In order to make all representatives understandable to each other, a device has been invented which makes it possible for the delegates of any nation to follow the speeches in any language. This device, shown at the right, is a microphone into which an interpreter speaks, translating sentence for sentence the words of the speaker. At the meetings, a battery of interpreters translate the speeches into all languages.

A battery of interpreters, each equipped with one of the phones shown above, translate the words of the speaker into the various tongues.

Canada Tar and Gas Yield Fuel

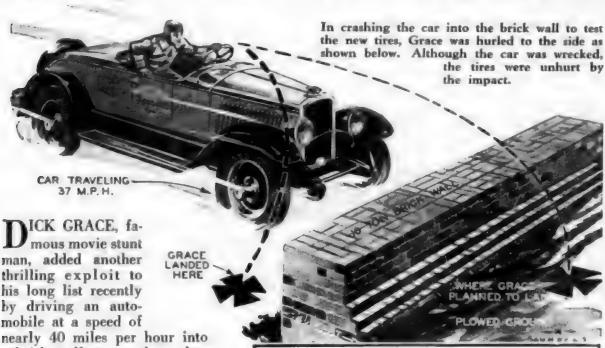
COMBINATION of two natural products of western Canada, which are almost useless, tar and natural gas, to make large quantities of gasoline is forecast by an eminent Canadian geologist. Beneath Alberta fields there exists large deposits of sand containing tar, which, by a process of hydrogenation, using the plentiful natural gas of the country, can be converted into fluid oil and thence into gasoline.

Proposed $60,000,000 Bridge Over Narrows to be Longest in World

A BRIDGE, which is to be the longest in the world, with a central span that will be 1000 feet longer than the Hudson river bridge, and towers that will be higher than the Woolworth building, is soon to be built over the Narrows between Staten Island and Long Island. The complete structure, shown in the architect's drawing below, will have observation galleries, beacon lights, and a carillon of bells.

Architect's drawing of proposed Narrows bridge, showing the 4,500 foot span and 800 foot towers.

Auto Crashed into Wall in Tire Test



In crashing the car into the brick wall to test the new tires, Grace was hurled to the side as shown below. Although the car was wrecked, the tires were unhurt by the impact.

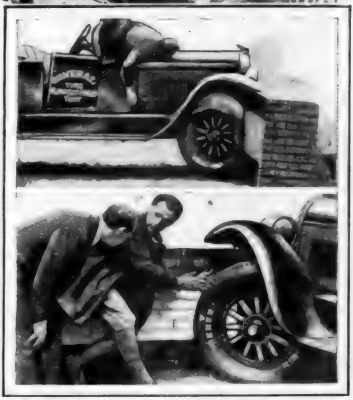
DICK GRACE, famous movie stunt man, added another thrilling exploit to his long list recently by driving an automobile at a speed of nearly 40 miles per hour into a brick wall to test the endurance of a new type of tire.

When the 3,500 pound car was stopped abruptly by the 10 ton brick wall, however, Grace did not sail gracefully over the wall into the soft mixture of cork and sand placed there to absorb the shock of the fall as he expected, but was first thrown against the dashboard, his body bending double, and then hurled out onto the ground at the side. Grace had his usual luck and suffered only a slight injury to his knee.

The tires tested had built-in rubber shock absorbers and were said to be safer than the more common type. Tire men regarded the test as having considerable significance, for the failure of a front tire traveling at high speed almost invariably results in a bad crash.

The crash wrecked the front end of the car completely, and moved the engine back about four inches. The tires, however, were unhurt, even though they struck the wall with such force that they were flattened completely, and the rims bent behind them. Speed photographs of the test showed that the tires rebounded so that they were completely clear of the wall an instant after the impact.

The wall was built specially for the test. The section weighed about ten tons and was imbedded three feet in the ground to give solidity. When the crash occurred the wall remained firm, thus placing all the recoil of the impact upon the car. The ground behind was ploughed to soften the fall.



In the crash Grace was thrown against the dashboard. The axles were bent and the tires flattened but not damaged.

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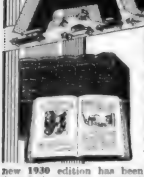

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Short Wave Radio Set

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not come in with a plop. If they do, reduce the "B" battery voltage with the variable resistor or try different grid leak values to the detector tube.

Usually the higher the resistance the easier regeneration will start. Some tubes may require up to nine megohms of grid leak resistance. Simply try and try till the best grid leak values are found.

Too many turns on the tickler coil may also cause a plop when regeneration commences, or they may cause a persistent howl. In that case take off one turn at a time until the minimum number is procured that will regenerate over the entire band. This is a case of cut and try till you get the best results.

If there is no regeneration at all, try reversing the connections to the tickler coil on the terminals of the plug-in coil socket. Some experimentation here is necessary before the highest efficiency is achieved.

Some short wave enthusiasts claim that "B" eliminators cannot be used successfully for short wave reception; but the writer takes issue with this. A "B" eliminator that delivers pure DC current should operate just as well as a "B" battery.

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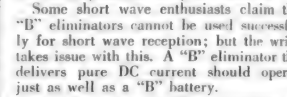

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How I Broke Record—Soucek

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the pressure in my lungs, so that the incoming oxygen, instead of being forced out of my mouth again, will enter my lungs properly.

However, this tube has to be opened quite often, so as to let the poison air out. Some weeks ago, while making a test altitude flight of around 35,000 feet, I forgot to release my grip on the tube with the result that almost immediately it became very difficult for me to breathe. In fact, the pressure on this tube became so pronounced that it actually blew the breath out of the corners of my mouth so that I could see it freeze!

Of course, I released the tube, but it did not open. The inner sides had frozen together where it pressed flat. However, I somehow managed to jiggle it around and break it loose until it worked.

Now, for the actual flight! The time was exactly 2:18 when everything was in readiness and I finally did take off, sweating under the tremendous burden of my heavy equipment. On this particular June afternoon the wind out of the west was not so very different from the speed of the plane, so that I simply pulled back the control stick and then went straight up in the air until I reached the "ceiling," or maximum height of the plane.

Just a few words, however, about my immediate problems while so doing. All I had to do was to continually hold the throttle and supercharger levers open with one hand, and work the stick, oxygen valve, oxygen "lung" outlet and a couple of other gadgets with the other.

Meantime, of course, I had to use my feet on the rudder, too, and keep a watchful eye on the flight instruments. Easily the worst thing of all is to hold all the levers open at the proper times. However, they are equipped with a strong spring so that should I pass out from lack of oxygen, then the throttle would automatically close and the supercharger be cut off.

In such case the plane probably would go into a dive, but I would likely revive soon, and no harm would be done. However, if the motor happened to be left running wide open during the dive, then it would soon tear everything to pieces.

Holding these levers open is something

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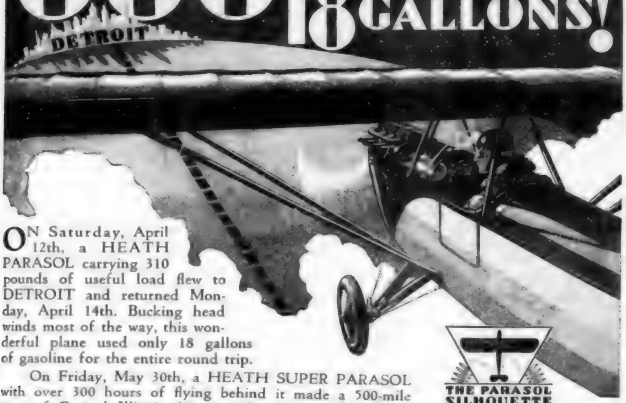

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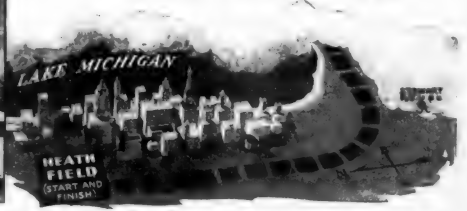

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How I Broke Record—Soucek

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like holding down for a long time on the clutch of an auto. For over an hour I had to push with my left arm without letting up, and my arm got mighty tired.

After nearly an hour of climbing straight up from the Anacostia Naval Air Station I reached, according to my altimeter, an indicated height of 41,500 feet, a point where the ship no longer seemed to be climbing a trifle. Instead it appeared to be hanging motionless on its roaring propeller while powerful superchargers shrieked as they sucked and pumped the thin air into a density sufficient to keep the straining engine working.

For about 20 minutes thereafter I kept the plane's nose pointed straight up, and the engine wide open in an effort to gain a few more precious feet. During this time the needle fluctuated and at times swung past the 42,000 mark, but I couldn't get it to stay there.

Maybe I could have achieved more altitude, but I realized, glancing at my gasoline gauge, that the effort would be futile, for I actually had barely two gallons of gas left in my tank when I finally did land around 4:30 o'clock.

Fortunately I did not suffer greatly from the effects of the extreme altitude and bitter cold (about 76 degrees F). However, at one time the oxygen tube through which I breathed filled with ice and I was forced to beat the tube against the fuselage and to shake the accumulation out in order to continue breathing.

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2. Who holds the Navy parachute jump record? (See page 84)

Crashing Movie Models

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'em." However, there are times when only a pilot with a fixed suicidal complex would undertake to bring about some crashes. Then Harry Reynolds' ingenuity is called forth. He "shoots" a pilotless plane into the air. This is done by running a "prop" plane along a runway. The take-off end of the runway is tilted up and the plane zooms into the air. If the plane is to come down in flames, a flare is set off by a trigger at the end of the runway.

To shoot a pilotless plane into the air, and to have it "crack up" at a predetermined point, requires very fine mathematical precision. But factors beyond the control of the technician—an unexpected side wind, for example—may upset the best laid plans. That happened in the illustration shown. This plane was supposed to "crack up" a little to the left of where it inevitably will crash. You will note that it is bearing down on some trucks—an ammunition train. The scenario called for the troops to continue the advance, but when they saw that roarin', winged rocket coming at them, they decided, to a man, that absence of body was preferable to presence of mind. and they beat the hastiest retreat on record. It really enhanced the story. The scenario was revised to fit the scene.

The terrific explosions following a bombing, how are they brought about? Visually, they are powerful enough to shake a whole city and to break every window within a mile radius. Visually, I said. "Expert explosion engineer" is one of Harry Reynolds' monickers. For picture presentation, an explosion must *look* big. So a shallow, concrete basin is poured in a hole in the ground at a designated spot. Several sticks of dynamite are put in this and covered with a few hundred pounds of common lamp-black. An illustration shows the result.

In this particular case, an airplane supposedly has dropped a bomb to blow up a temporary military bridge across the river flats. In reality the explosion is the result of the ground charge. The aeroplane is just beyond the dense, black wall of "smoke." A few minutes later, when the lampblack began to settle, every "extra" from Pittsburgh got homesick.

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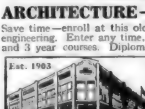

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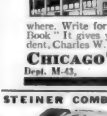

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This MM Glider Flies Well

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Harold White, writing for the Kansas U Glider Club, sends us this shot of the Northrop Glider his club built. Also the letter printed below.

DOWN at Lawrence, Kansas, lives Harold White, radio amateur (call 9f.u.g.) and aviation fan. He was kind enough to think of this yere old slang slinging hangar hophead in sending in the notes on the success of the project in which friends in the Kansas U Glider club built a Northrop Glider from plans in the 1930 FLYING MANUAL. He says in part:

> Referring to your Modern Mechanics of last May will say that we tried your plans for the Northrop Glider, and met with some success. Due to the fact that we managed the flying rather poorly we had a good many crashes and some work in keeping it in repairs, but we rebuilt all the broken parts until we finally had rather a good training glider.
>
> This fall past we joined the K. U. Glider Club. We have 2 gliders and our group is starting on a 45-ft. sailplane. We have a number of new members in our group, and we found necessary a fool proof method of training new men.

This kind of information from a typical M-M reader is highly interesting. A man named Heath, down in New York, has built both the Duede and the Northrop glider, too. He wrote a letter to me the other day that'd split the sides off a copper washtub. For real good belly-laughs I haven't seen anything to equal it, and I am running the shots and his letter next issue.

One of the photos shows Heath (no relation to Chicago Lightplane Heath) climbing overside as his glider slideslips earthward.

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Crashing Movie Models

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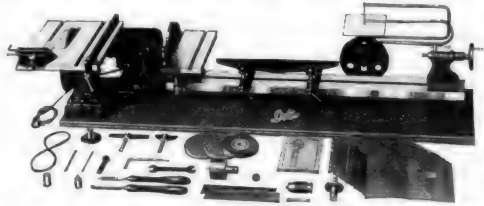

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Defying Death in a Parachute

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feet from head to toe, I wasn't any too near the ground at that particular moment. By some miracle, however, none of my body actually was touching the wires, though my 'chute was wrapped around them, and at any moment I might make a contact that would mean my death.

Nevertheless, I somehow contrived to undo my breast strap and both leg straps, but while so doing, my right toe barely touched a section of the wire, with the result that a great wall of flame shot out, badly scorching several shroud lines on the 'chute. But I scrambled quickly to the ground and asked an attendant at the field to have the power shut off. This he did immediately, so that I was able to recover my 'chute without further damage to it.

Talk about a strong wind blowing you all over the heavens! I'll wager I'll always remember the events of August 15, 1928, when I was fortunate enough to set a new Navy altitude record of 15,200 feet.

My pilot, Lieut. Ernest W. Litch of the Naval Air Station near Washington, took me up in a Vought Corsair biplane for what I hoped would be a record jump for all Navy parachute men. When we reached 15,200 feet I signalled Litch that I was ready and then, when he had slowed down to the customary jumping speed of 80 miles an hour, I poised for a brief moment to visualize the scene below. The capital city looked like a tiny park from the great height of 3 miles.

For this particular jump I took the precaution of wearing two parachutes, one of the regulation seat type and the other of the back type for emergency use. However, the first one opened up satisfactorily enough. Yet I soon found myself well nigh helpless before a strong north wind which carried me well over the city. I was like a cork bobbing about in a strong sea, for no sooner did I find myself down to an elevation of 5,000 feet, than a south wind caught me and started swinging the 'chute back towards the Potomac River from whence I had come.

Now, the average parachute jump takes only from 30 seconds to one minute, so one can well imagine how I felt when, after being aloft 15 minutes, I began to realize that I would be lucky to even make a safe landing, let alone a good one. All the while,

of course, as I neared the earth I kept looking about for a possible landing place. Two hundred yards or so from the ground, in one of the most crowded sections of the city, I was forced to conclude that my best bet was to try to land on a nearby apartment house. I was unable to make the roof, however, but skimmed over it, my feet catching in a radio aerial.

Fortunately for me, the 'chute caught on the ledge at the top. But I couldn't quite reach down far enough to catch the fire escape six feet below, so I just hung there. Meanwhile hundreds of people were watching me from the ground, and to add a bit of humor to my hazardous situation, an excited woman threw open a window in an apartment nearby, and while I swung like a pendulum with each new movement of the wind, she entreated me if I wanted a glass of water.

I assured the good lady that I did not, and while so doing three policemen came to my rescue, raised a ladder to the roof, and I managed to clamber down the fire-escape to safety.

How does it feel to make a jump? Well, there's a new kind of thrill most every time, depending largely on how the winds and currents are behaving. But generally the first sensation is of a rushing wind and a terrific descent. Then, after you pull the rip-cord you get something of a jolt as the 'chute opens. After that it's all pretty much plain sailing until you hit the ground, granted that you know how to guide your giant parasol.

This is entirely a matter of proper manipulation of the shroud lines, whereby you are able to pull the side of the 'chute in the direction you want to slip, assuming that the wind is not blowing particularly hard. In thus maneuvering your shroud lines you also are able to increase your rate of descent since a parachute works on the principle of a column of air massed directly underneath the lifeboat of the air.

Different jumpers have their own individual methods of leaping from a plane, but I believe that it is possible to make this generalization: if you are in an open cockpit plane, then stand where the trailing edge of the lower wing fastens on to the fuselage, forming a V, and dive towards the tail, fall as far as you desire, and then release the 'chute. On the other hand, if you are in a cabin type of closed plane, you simply dive straight forward out the door.

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Building the Georgias Special

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the hole and around the tubing. This is later doped.

The bottom and top turtle decks are built up and mortised into formers. They are bolted to the longerons and cross bracing by small aluminum clamps that go all the way around the tubing, bolting into the spruce formers.

Seat

This is made from a piece of 16 gauge aluminum secured around the top horizontal bracing of the third bay of the fuselage. A wood former is placed on the floor board. This piece of board is determined by the size of the person who is to fly the ship and a little "self designing" must be used there.

Fire Wall

This is a very important part of the ship so care must be taken in fitting it to the front part of the fuselage. It is built of 18 gauge aluminum and has as small openings as will just let the necessary gas and oil and other necessary instrument accessories through. Right here let me say that the gas and oil lines should have a piece of rubber tubing placed over them where they go through the fire wall so that vibration will not chafe the lines and cut through.

The Landing Gear

The landing gear is the most important part of the ship when you come into land so must be built with the most exact care. It is best built with the ship leveled up and in the correct distance from the ground. Then the correct diagram placed on the floor directly underneath, the tubes cut and placed in their respective places.

The stub axle as you see from the drawing should be first built up, bent and welded into the false axle which goes up to the top of the gear. The shock cord is attached to the cross member, the gear is reinforced down at the attachment with the stub axle with 16 gauge sheet steel 6" up from the stub axle inner washer on both sides.

The wheels can be streamlined if you like with cloth, and doped, but is not necessary. Use ½" shock cord. It takes 3 feet for each side.

Tank

This should be built with tern plate and no dimensions are given, because each per-

son wants a different capacity. Its location is shown. Unless you are very good with a soldering iron and solder I would advise you get it built by a local tinsmith.

Propeller

This should be bought from some of the propeller companies for best results. A ship has been built from these plans using a 28 h.p. Lawrence-Hickman conversion.

Cowling

This can make or break the looks of the plane, and extra care should be used in making this. A great deal of ingenuity must be used here for the correct lines of the ship depend on the correct cutting of the aluminum. There is no beating to be done on this cowling. The fuselage cowling can be cut from one piece and the cockpit cut out in its proper place. The motor cowling is in one piece on the bottom and two on top, bolted together with 3/16" stove bolts.

Ribs

You will see that the ribs are made from pieces of ¼"x5/16" spruce, fastened together with airplane glue and ⅜" by 20 gauge flat head nails. Use 1/16 gusset plates; these gusset plates are best determined in size by the place they go. The outline of the rib should be placed on a smooth piece of board and outline caps placed so as to hold the form of the rib when nailing the gussets, also all of the internal bracing of the wing should be outlined with outline caps so as to hold the bracing while being glued and nailed. After the one side is glued and nailed take out of the jig and turn over and glue and nail the gusset on that side.

The Wing Beams

These are made intentionally solid. For the amateur, I beams are a little too difficult and often the professional makes mistakes with them; therefore, solid beams of the best selected spruce must be clear grained, no knots, pitch pockets, and straight grained, with at least 10 annular rings to the inch.

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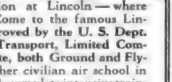

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safety plywood gussets as per drawing. Securely glue and nail these attachment ribs and gussets. Use ¾" by 20 gauge flat head nails for this, also for attaching the rib ends to aileron attachment spar.

The aileron spar is built the same way by mortising the ribs into the beam and gluing and nailing with ¾" by 20 gauge flathead nails, and placing little triangular spruce pieces glued, together with nails on each side of the aileron rib at its attachment to the spar.

The aileron is made up very easily. It consists of the aileron spar and ribs cut off of the regular ribs at the aileron space. A trailing edge of aluminum shaped in a "V" shape is slipped over the ends of the ribs. Be sure that the aileron lines up when the hinges are placed on, and that the trailing edge of the aileron is in line with the wing. A web of ⅛" plywood is applied to the inner end rib of the aileron and to the adjacent end of the common rib at the inner end of the aileron opening in the wing.

Internal Wood Bracing of Wings

Three-eighths-inch by ⅜" wood braces are applied inside the wings as shown in the drawings. First the wooden blocks are nailed and glued to the members to be united by a brace, then the brace is nailed and glued both to blocks and the members to be joined together.

Compression Struts

These are pieces of ¾"x¾" spruce nailed on each side of the regular rib, also glued at each place, and nailed. You will need 10 of these and 18 regular ribs.

Leading Edge

This is made of a piece of 1½"x1½" spruce 13 feet long, planed to required size which is determined from the wing profile that you laid out on the rib jig. Secure this to the ribs with ⅜"x⅜" wooden blocks, glued, and lots of small nails.

Trailing Edge

This is made of a two-inch piece of 24 gauge aluminum, nailed after it is formed, into a "V" shape onto the tips of the ribs.

Aileron Control Pulleys

These are secured at their respective places as shown on the drawings.

Aileron Horn

This is made up as shown by drawing

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Care should be used to get the attachment bolts good and tight, but do not crush the wood fibers by getting *too* tight.

Wing Tips

The wing tip is elliptical in form and ½" steel tubing to form this curve. It is attached to the leading edge, spars, and aileron attachment spar by strips of copper. Nail and solder the nail heads to the copper strip.

Wing Struts

They are made up of 1 inch by 20 gauge seamless steel tubing and streamlined with spruce and taped. Then dope them. They are adjustable on one end for rigging purposes.

Assembling

In assembling this ship, first put on the tail surfaces and be sure that they are bolted and all nuts cottered, then put the control wires in and determine where the wires will come out of the fuselage covering so that you can put little leather patches where they come through.

Covering of the Ship

This procedure is carried out as an envelope method wherever possible and the open edges hand sewed. Five coats of dope clear are used and pigment color that the builder desires. The wings should be sewed before they are doped, every four inches between the spars and around the ribs. After the first coat of dope the ribs must be taped over and the leading edge and the trailing edge, control surfaces are taped over each rib, but it is not necessary to sew the cloth to the ribs in this small plane.

Balancing the Plane

To correctly balance the plane put the fuselage with all parts assembled on a knife edge made from a 2x4 with the weight of the pilot in the cockpit and gas and oil in the motor, then place the wing by rigging the center section struts till the center of lift comes right over the place that the plane balances. In the Clark "Y" airfoil the center of lift is 42% from the leading edge. The bottom part of the airfoil must be level with the top longeron as the wing curve is set at "0" degrees for the best efficiency.

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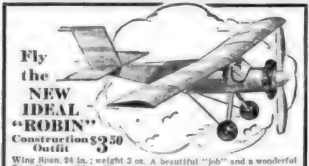

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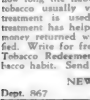

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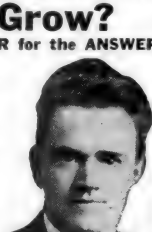

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A Bicycle Side-Car

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In the final assembly, the bolt hole in the main frame member for the forward end of piece should be permanently located after the side-car wheel is properly aligned with the bicycle wheel. This alignment is important, for a faulty job will cause wear on the side-car tire as well as make it drag in use.

On the original we used two coats of Chinese red lacquer and it made an excellent effect, with the top of the foot-rest painted a slate grey, and balanced by the grey felt binding of the seat. The color, of course, depends on the color of the bicycle it is to be used with.

In turning corners the bicycle rider should use his own judgment in leaning. With a load he will not, of course, travel as fast around corners as alone, but nevertheless there is a tendency to lean considerably. This side car frame has sufficient elasticity to allow for some latitude in turning, but is not intended to be universal in its relation to the bicycle.

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4. Who recently made a westward flight across the North Atlantic? (See page 84)

Model Plane Releases Parachute

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ism may seem somewhat intricate, in reality it is very simple in construction and operation. Briefly, the torque or tension of the wound rubbers holds the parachute in place; when motor rubbers are completely unwound a wire hook releases the parachute weight and a rubber band catapults it from the plane. The principle is illustrated here in detail. First secure a double hook under Frame No. 2. Next secure a slotted brass tube, 3/16 inside diameter and 1¼ in. long to a balsa block under Frame No. 4. Now bend a wire latch or long hook of light piano wire to the shape shown in the drawing and insert in tube. Slip a ⅛ in. flat rubber band over the hook of the latch, and then to the double hook under Frame No. 2. A stout linen thread is tied to the other end of the latch and run through a wire guide on the lower right longeron near the tail. This end of the thread has a small wire hook on it, which engages with a hook on the extension of the rear rubber hook. The latter pulls upward when motor rubbers are wound and in turn holds the parachute weight in the slot in the tube. As soon as the latch in the tube slides forward, the rubber band on the parachute pulls the weight from the slot and shoots it forward from the plane. Its performance is perfect, and the parachute rarely fails to open and float gently to the ground in realistic manner.

The parachute is made up of seven segments of china silk cut to the pattern given and stitched together. Shrouds or No. 8 cotton threads depend from each seam. These should be about 12 in. long and tied to a weight made of one-half of a 32 calibre cartridge ball. A hole is drilled through the weight and a light piano wire inserted, a loop being made in each end.

In painting the plane, a small spray gun gives best results, as it spreads evenly and lightly. With a brush too much weight is added and the job rarely looks smooth. Of course, the old reliable aluminum is effective on the fuselage, emblems and lettering being hand-painted in black.

Wings and stabilizer of blue or orange make a pleasing contrast. The cylinders are painted black, as are the radial dummy vents in the front of the motor block.

Before trying in actual flight, give the ship gliding tests with the rubbers installed.

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Model Plane Releases Parachute

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Sixteen strands of 3/16 in. flat rubber are used in this model, and if dipped in a solution of glycerin and castile soap they will give better results and last longer. Proper adjustment of wing and stabilizer are determined by experiment. Normally, of course, the stabilizer should be horizontal, and the wing set so that the entering edge is about 6½ in. from the end of the nose (not the propeller). The front of the rudder should be set slightly to one side of center to counteract the side pull of the propeller. However, all these adjustments must be worked out in trial. Ships built to the same design vary considerably in performance.

In winding, draw the rubbers out to about three times normal length and use a mechanical winder. Fifty turns with a 4-to-1 winder are about right for a start, and up to 80 after the rubbers are worked in. Always launch into the wind, either when taking off from the ground or launching by hand. Properly built, this big navy model gives a remarkable performance, and is well worth your very best efforts in construction.

Convict Ship Torture Devices

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Footprints Trap the Forest Firebug

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motive for the crime was established in the fact that the man who was accused had long been nursing a grudge against the lumber company that owned the timberland, and had made threats to the effect that "Some day I'll get even with them."

The United States Forest Service for many years has had to contend with forest fires that are set by stock owners for the purpose of creating pasture lands. This, of course, is a serious offense, and the punishment for it may be a heavy fine or a term in a Federal penitentiary, depending upon the circumstances. Such fires are less numerous nowadays because a good many of the offenders are now doing time. Education has also condemned this practice in the great, unwritten law court of public opinion.

Yet, such incendiary fires do occur now and then, and Uncle Sam makes short shrift of such offenders when they are caught. California furnishes the very unique case of a pasture-making forest firebug who was sent to prison through being identified by the footprints of his dog.

This man set a fire trap that consisted of a bundle of matches placed in dry brush and grass, and a magnifying glass mounted in a forked stick so the rays of the sun would be concentrated upon the match heads. This arrangement had been made late in the afternoon with relation to the sun so the fire would be started about 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the following day. By the strangest coincidence, this fire trap went off almost under the nose of a hunter who was poking around in the brush after a rabbit. He put out the fire before it really got started, and immediately notified the forest officials.

Various clues were found to the identity of the person who set this fire trap, and by no means least important were the footprints of a dog. The dog had apparently accompanied his master while the fire trap was being set, and in running about had left his footprints, or paw-prints, all over the place. The footprints of the dog revealed the fact that the animal was lacking a toe on his left forefoot. Naturally enough, the hunt for the criminal then centered upon finding a man who had a dog lacking a toe on his left front foot. And it didn't take the detectives very long to find a local

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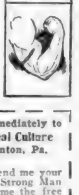

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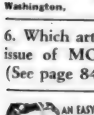

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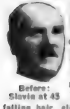

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